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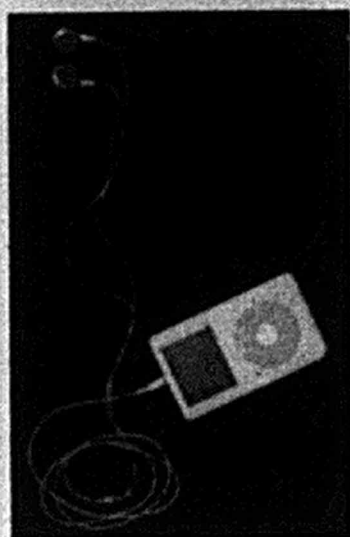
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BIN LADEN WARNS OF NEW ATTACKS

In his first public communication in more than a year, Osama bin Laden said in an audio-tape released Thursday that al-Qaida is preparing to mount new attacks on the United States, but he offered a truce to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. **PAGE 4**

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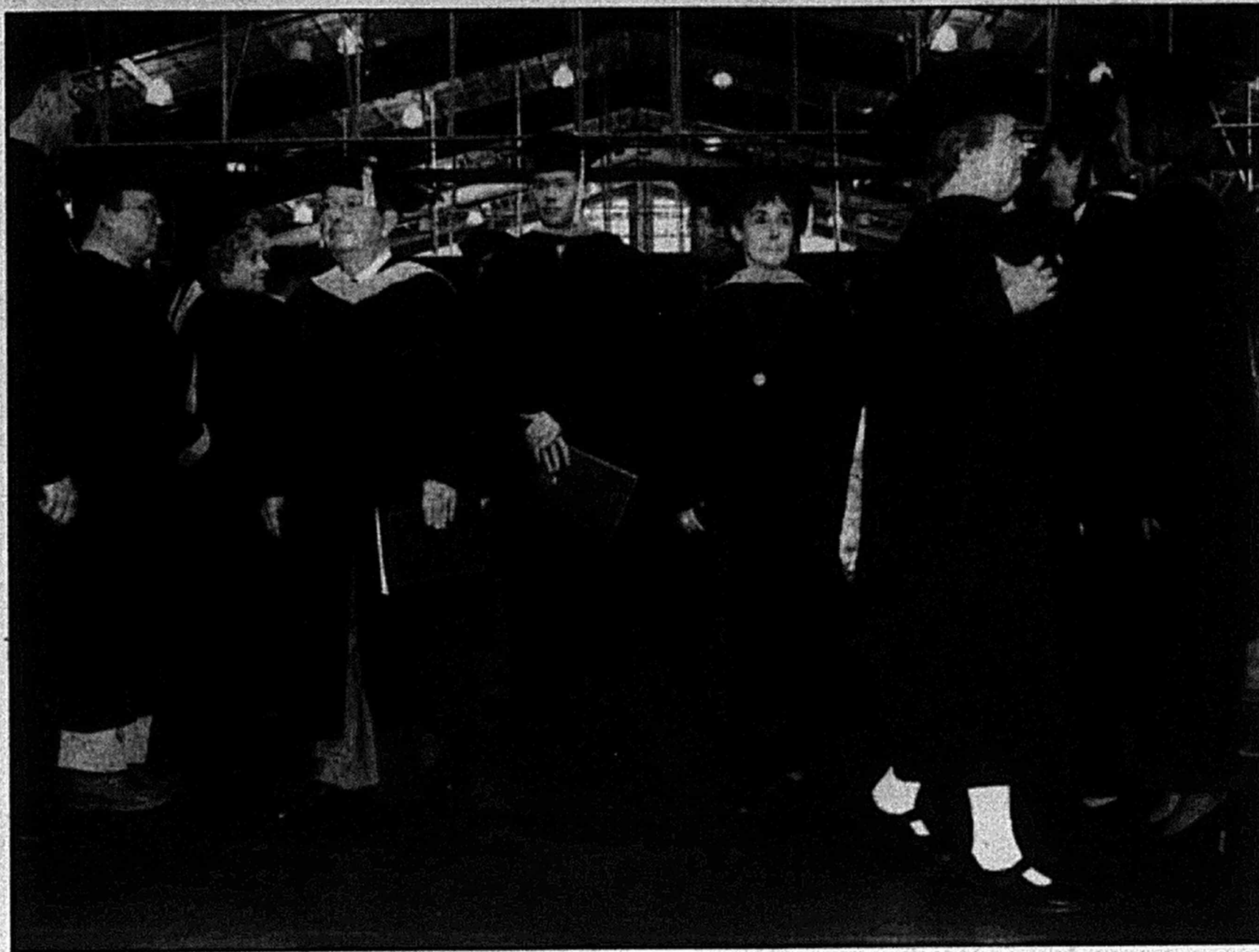
There is an old joke in the theater that one does not leave a musical humming the scenery. Nor does a viewer leave a movie awed only by the cinematography. We are engaged mostly by a film's characters and story. **PAGE 7**

SPEAKING OF HOCKEY...

"We won't see them until the end of the season. We hope we can make some adjustments and really be able to put a little more pressure on them so we can run our offense rather than have them dictate what we do."

~Head Coach,
Chad Fraser

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Philip Leclerc/The Captain's Log

Following the winter commencement ceremony CNU professors form a line and welcome the graduates to a new chapter in their lives.

223 turn their tassel at graduation

Claude Hornsby, CEO of Wolseley, tells alumni passion is critical to success.

By PHILIP LECLERC
News Editor

More than a month ago, on Dec. 17, 2005, 223 men and women in robes filed out of the Freeman Center, and out of CNU. They were our graduates, and every one of them had earned an undergraduate degree from the university. In the Freeman Center, chief executive of Wolseley's North American operations, Claude A.S. Hornsby III, spoke before a crowd of assembled families, faculty and former students.

"During my brief time to speak with you today I want to certainly be focused on you, the graduates; this is not about me," said Hornsby. He then summarized his credentials and professional history, including his progression through the ranks of a

20-billion dollar company claiming as many as 60,000 employees. Next, Hornsby moved into his personal history.

"As children we're all told to be successful; we must succeed in school. Based on that theory, you must surmise that I graduated at the top of my class," he said. "Actually, nothing could be further from the truth." During his four-year stay at Virginia Tech University, Hornsby pursued a variety of majors. Until he began to work with Ferguson Enterprises, Hornsby had not taken his future and success seriously, he said.

Joining Ferguson Enterprises 27 years ago marked a change in Hornsby's life. "I realized I could dream; I could develop a vision. If you don't stretch your imagination on a routine basis, how can you ever imagine what's possible?" he asked.

Passion is critical to success, said Hornsby. By defining a clear purpose for yourself, you can find passion in your profession, and from that experience satisfaction, he added. "Passion allows things to become effortless; do something that will excite you well into the future," said Hornsby.

When he wakes up every day, Hornsby is as excited to drive to his office as he was when he joined Ferguson Enterprises, he said. People with that kind of passion can share it with their colleagues and achieve their goals, according to Hornsby.

Still, becoming a leader requires balance in a person's life between career and family. "As I said: I'm fortunate, I can't wait to get to work in the morning. But I also have the benefit that I can't wait to get home at night," he said. Concluding the show Hornsby thanked the crowd, and wished the graduating students success in their lives. He

encouraged them to take risks and find passion.

Provost Richard Summer-ville took the stage next, conferring emeritus status on Dr. A. Martin Buoncristiani. "There is not a member of this academic community at Christopher Newport University who knows Dr. Martin Buoncristiani who doesn't concur that a long and prosperous retirement has been well-earned," he said.

Before the graduates filed out into their new world, Tribble honored political science major Crystal Elizabeth Dunn with the Gregory P. Klich Award for academic achievement.

Three years prior, Dunn had graduated from Gloucester High School with a 4.7 Grade Point Average, and in 2005, she left Christopher Newport with a 3.97 GPA. "She attributes much of her success at CNU to our small classes and the rich interaction between our students and professors," said Tribble. ■

Candidates seek slots in Government Department

By ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

As the spring 2006 term gets underway, we might soon be welcoming a few new faces into CNU's faculty. Candidates have begun applying for various posts in the Department of Government and Public Affairs; two candidates have delivered presentations to the department already, and at least two more are expected to present within the month.

Tina Kempin, a candidate for the comparative politics slot, is a graduate of the University of Zurich. She is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Giancarlo Panagia, a candidate for the public law slot, has a Ph.D. in Justice Studies from Arizona State University and his J.D. from the University of Florence.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, Kempin delivered a presentation called "Minority Protection and Ethnic Conflict Resolution Within the UN System." The presentation discussed how the United Nations deals with issues of ethnic conflict in today's world, emphasizing how the UN needs to improve.

In Kempin's presentation, she described what she saw as a "failure of the UN to react to gross violations of human and minority rights." She centered her talk on what she sees as the UN's greatest failure: the civil war and genocide in Rwanda in the mid-1990s.

During the 100-day conflict between the Hutus and the Tutsis in 1994, approximately 800,000 people died and two million more became refugees. The war resulted in problems that persist in Burundi and the Congo to this day, Kempin said, and the international community failed to respond in an appropriate manner.

Some of the greatest factors included a breakdown in

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Student government sparks over Amendment 0905

Controversy begins '06 for SGA, as senators argue over budget oversight.

By PHILIP LECLERC
News Editor

On Monday night, the SGA Senate discussed and voted on a proposed amendment to the SGA constitution, Amendment 0905. Senator Robert Peresich, senior, described the bill to the assembled senators as one which would strengthen the senate's authority over the executive branch and allocation of the SGA's budget. A majority of the senate voted the amendment down, but not before discussing the merits of the bill and the ef-

fect it might have had on the separation of powers within the student government.

Discussion began with Peresich reintroducing his bill to the senate. "One of the bills in question [of two that had been presented at the previous session] was the Budget Allocation Oversight Amendment, and all that basically does is give the senate the authority to check the executive branch when it comes to the budget," he said.

Following Peresich's description, Senate Vice President Katie Grace questioned Peresich about the bill's intent. "But I'm

still confused — is it required that the senate look at everything?" she asked.

Sergeant-at-Arms and senior Josh Dermer responded to Grace's question. "Yes, that would be the whole point. We currently have no oversight," he said.

According to SGA President Mehreen Farooq, the senate does possess some oversight ability. She has requested that Secretary of Budget Timothy Davenport report to the senate concerning significant events in the budgeting process. "Apparently not that many guys have been requesting small grant money," she said. "So you do have indirect oversight." Farooq added that the budget committee meets

in open session, and senators are able to attend.

Discussion then turned to the separation of powers within the SGA, as freshman senator Danielle Jeffries asked why senators would oppose the bill. "Couldn't it only have positive effects?" she said.

It might infringe on the executive's constitutional powers, according to Grace. "I just think it kind of lowers the whole separation of powers thing," she said. "We kind of get into the budget committee, and it's headed by the secretary of the budget, and it's kind of their thing." Senator Erin Greene and Grace both added that passing the amendment would add another level to the budget allocation process.

Most of the senate's meetings have not extended beyond 20 to 30 minutes, though, according to Peresich. "People who vote against this bill — I fear they're not taking this senate very seriously," Peresich said. "You really need to be focusing on what we were hired to do."

According to Dermer, meetings have lasted generally between one half-hour and forty-five minutes. "There are only a handful of people in here that write bills," he said. "If we're not dealing with the people's money and the people's business, then why are we here?"

The budget policy had already been presented to the

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Ferguson hosts third annual King concert

By ERIN SAUNDERS
Contributing Writer

Students, members of university faculty and members of the community gathered for the Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert on Jan. 16, in the Music and Theater Hall in the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

Dr. Vernon Harper of the Department of Communication Studies opened the event, prefacing songs and speech with his readings of selected poems. Later in the show, between mu-

sical performances, he read poems written by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s favorite poet. His selections included such works as: "We Wear Masks," "Compensation," "Dreams," "The Paradox" and "Sympathy."

The CNU Orchestra opened the night, playing Adolphus Hailstork's "Sonata da Chiesa" at the direction of conductor Dr. Joseph Pollard White.

Christopher Mooney followed their performance, delivering his rendition of "Wheels of a Dream," from Ragtime, while Dr. Jeffrey Brown accom-

panied him on the piano.

The CNU Jazz Combo, composed of a saxophonist, bass player, pianist, a drummer and the group's director, Bill Brown, who played the trumpet, each performed solos during their group's performance of "A Tribute to Thelonious Monk." Brown arranged the performance.

Next, soprano Becky Livas sang "Memories of You," by Eubie Blake.

Following Livas, the CNU Women's Chorus sang an a cappella rendition of "Living In A Holy City," written by Stephen

Hatfield and conducted by Dr. Lauren Fowler.

Pianist Don Morris produced a medley of three traditional African American songs while the audience clapped to the beat.

Next, the CNU Chamber Choir swayed in unison upon the stage as they sang another, a capella song: the traditional spiritual "Down By the Riverside" and "Total Praise," with accompanying piano.

Before the last performance of the evening, senior Kamala



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Soprano Becky Livas sings "Memories of You" by Eubie Blake.

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Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

Thursday:
Sunny

High: 47° Low: 27°

Friday:
Sunny

High: 50° Low: 35°

Saturday:
Mostly Cloudy

High: 56° Low: 43°

Sunday:
Few Showers

High: 57° Low: 41°

Monday:
Partly Cloudy

High: 55° Low: 39°

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Pete Foytik carries a Christmas tree following last December's graduation in the Freeman Center.

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On the record Police Blotter

CNU Police Blotter

According to the CNU Police Web site:
Dec. 12: Someone smeared ketchup on a vehicle in the Ferguson Center parking garage.
Dec. 28: A fire extinguisher was reported stolen from the CNU Village parking garage.
Jan. 10: Someone reported a projector stolen from McMurrin.
Jan. 13: There was a report of vandalized motorcycle ignition in the Ferguson Center parking garage.
Jan. 14: There was a window broken and dryer vents were damaged in the Barclay laundry room.
Jan. 16: A vehicle was stolen from Lot G and moved to a different location on campus by an unidentified individual.
Jan. 17: Marijuana was confiscated during a routine traffic stop at the intersection of Warwick Boulevard and University Place.
Jan. 21: A credit card and money were reported stolen from a vehicle in Potomac's parking lot.
Jan. 23: An intoxicated driver caused an automobile accident in the Ferguson Center parking garage.

According to the Newport News Police Department Offense Listing:

Jan. 16: There was a report of malicious wounding resulting with laceration on J. Clyde Morris.
Jan. 17: Merchandise was shoplifted and later recovered from a business located on Arthur Way.
There was a report of localized assault on Spur Drive.
Jan. 19: Property and vehicle parts were damaged on an individual's vehicle on Lochaven Dr.
Tools were stolen from an individual property on Chatham Drive.
Jan. 20: Computers were reported stolen from an individual's vehicle on Jefferson Ave.
There was a report of damaged individual property on Holbrook Dr.
Jan. 21: A report of child neglect led to a drug seizure on Selden Rd.
A vehicle was reported damaged and leaving the scene at Jefferson & Middleground.
Computers were reported stolen and later recovered from a business on Jefferson Ave.
Jan. 22: There was a report of assault on an individual with no record of injury at Jefferson Ave. and Oyster Point Rd.
A vehicle with damaged parts was reported leaving the scene on Hogam Drive.

Around town State/Local News

Virginia State Trooper arrested

Detectives recently traveled to Fredericksburg, Virginia, in order to arrest a 25-year-old police officer. The officer has been charged with two counts of illegal carnal knowledge with two different female minors. One of the girls was a 14-year-old living out of Newport News; the other female lives in Newport News as well. The incidents occurred in the city of Newport News, and both are punishable as class four felonies.

The arrested officer will be held in the custody of the Newport News City Jail. Inquiries about his status should be sent to the Newport News Sheriff's Office.

Governor Kaine announces \$30.8 Million investment by Mennel Milling Company for Roanoke County

According to a press release from the governor's office, on Jan. 20, 2006 the Mennel Milling Company intends to invest \$30.8 million in order to transport its operations from the City of Roanoke to Roanoke County, Virginia had to compete with both Ohio and Tennessee in order to keep the corporation within its borders, and Virginia's success helped save 33 jobs in the Roanoke area.

In an announcement, Governor Timothy M. Kaine thanked Mennel Milling for remaining within Virginia and explained that the new mill should best the productive potential of the old mill.

Mennel Milling has specialized in wheat production for approximately 120 years now, and is a critical portion of Virginia's agricultural industry.

Statement of House Speaker William J. Howell

Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) issued a statement regarding transportation and tax proposals from Governor Timothy M. Kaine and the Senate of Virginia. In his statement, he approved of Kaine's agreement to protect the Transportation Trust Fund, reform the Virginia Department of Transportation and raise fines on dangerous drivers.

Howell was pleased to announce that in light of the recent revenue growth of almost \$3 billion and the current state budget surplus of over \$1 billion, it would not be necessary to squeeze higher taxes out of Virginia's citizens.

Your life Campus News

Award-winning hero Paul Rusesabagina to speak at CNU

The hotel manager who saved more than 1,200 people during the Rwandan massacre of 1994 will speak at Christopher Newport University at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 in the Concert Hall of the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

Paul Rusesabagina hid 1,268 people for more than three months in the hotel where he was manager, as thousands were massacred during civil war in Rwanda. Portrayed by Don Cheadle in the film "Hotel Rwanda," he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Civil Rights Museum's International Freedom Award in 2005.

The event is sponsored by CNU's Campus Activities Board. For more information, contact Kim Roeder, director of student activities, at 594-7260 or kroeder@cnu.edu.

Fitness Kickoff

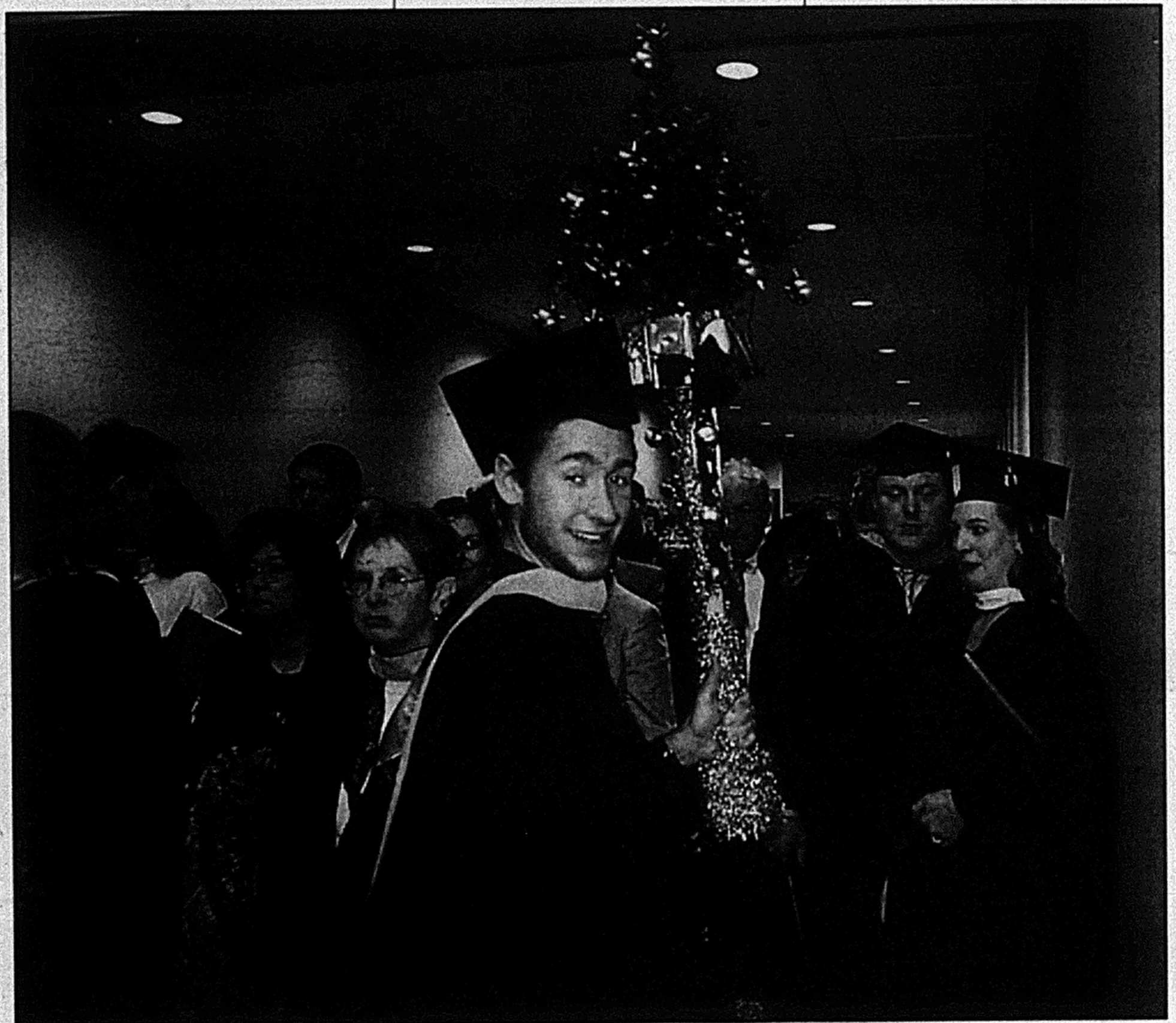
The commencement of the spring semester marks the beginning of the "Fitness Kickoff"—the Freeman Center's fitness classes. Classes are scheduled to begin on January 30. The Kickoff is the student's opportunity to visit classes and give them a try before purchasing a fitness class pass. A fitness pass is only \$30 and will admit you into unlimited fitness classes for the Spring semester. Passes may be purchased at the Freeman Center welcome Desk.

The Captain's Ball will be held Saturday, February 11, 2006

CNU's annual university-wide semi-formal event, the Captain's Ball, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006 in the Ferguson Center for the Arts Music & Theater Hall Lobby. Tickets are \$10 with a CNU ID. Light hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Tickets go on sale Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 and are available in the Office of Student Activities, SC 189 (next to the Bookstore). Tickets will also be sold at the following locations: Jan. 23-27 in Student Center Breezeway from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and at The Commons from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in the Residence Halls during the following dates and times: Monday Jan. 30, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Santoro & James River Hall, Tuesday Jan. 31, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at York River Hall, Wednesday Feb. 1, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Potomac Hall.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities at 757-594-7260.



Campus Calendar

January 25-31

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - "Women in Community"; Falk Art Gallery	9 a.m. - GOVT Candidate Presentation - "Terrorism Trials and the Constitution"; SC 214	10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - "Women in Community"; Falk Art Gallery	2 p.m. - "Peter Pan"; Ferguson Concert Hall	2 p.m. - "Peter Pan"; Ferguson Concert Hall	10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - "Women in Community"; Falk Art Gallery	10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - "Women in Community"; Falk Art Gallery
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Wireless Wednesday; McMurrin Hall	10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - "Women in Community"; Falk Art Gallery	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - V.A. Symphony Coffee Concert; Ferguson Music and Theater Hall	4 p.m. - CNU vs. Methodist, Men's Basketball; Freeman Center Field House	4 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass; SC 150	5:30 p.m. - SGA Meeting; SC 150	5:30 p.m. - Baptist Student Ministries Meeting; SC 233
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Consultation: Consumer Credit Counselor Q & A; SC Lobby	12:30 p.m. - Workshop: The Basics of Investing; SC 150	7 p.m. - CAB Movie Night "Saw II"; Gaines Theater	7 p.m. - CAB Movie Night "Saw II"; Gaines Theater	4 to 6 p.m. - CNU vs. Greensboro, Men's Basketball; Freeman Field House		7 to 9:30 p.m. - Living the Questions; JRH Multipurpose Room
2 to 4 p.m. - Wireless Wednesday; McMurrin Hall	1:00 p.m. - Religion Honor Society; BTC 207	8 p.m. - Rachel Holland Faculty Recital; Ferguson Music and Theater Hall	8 p.m. - "Peter Pan"; Ferguson Concert Hall	7:30 p.m. - "Peter Pan"; Ferguson Concert Hall		8 p.m. - Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting; Freeman Center, President's Box
9 p.m. - WCNU General Interest Meeting; SC 233	7 p.m. - Roleplaying Guild Meeting; SC 205	8 p.m. - "Peter Pan"; Ferguson Concert Hall				

Ford to fundraise for CNU in '06

By NICK MIRABAL
Assistant News Editor

This past November, President Paul S. Trible Jr. welcomed Judy Ford into her new position at CNU as vice president of the Department of University Advancement. After former vice president Nancy Wilson's resignation, John Miller temporarily filled the position to aid the university for the rest of the fall term. Ford is enthusiastic about helping the university expand.

"Having been on the Board [of Visitors] and mother of a CNU graduate, I've been acquainted with the Tribles and CNU for quite some time now. Naturally, when Paul [Trible] offered me the job, I accepted it with great enthusiasm," said Ford.

Ford's resume includes work in a number of roles. For instance, she has served within non-profit organizations and as director of development for the

Maymont Foundation, where she managed a capital campaign and annual fund campaign. The Maymont Foundation maintains a 100-acre Victorian estate once inhabited by former U.S. President Thomas Jefferson.

"Some of the requirements of my job involved putting on special events, prospecting to find new donors and find out how they would like to support our organization," Ford said.

She also worked with an organization called Operation Smile, which sends medical teams to provide reconstructive surgery for impoverished people in third world countries.

"I received the great opportunity of being able to travel to Nicaragua, where I could actually meet some of the people I was attempting to help," said Ford. "The unemployment rate there at the time was 58 percent, which really put things in perspective for me."

Ford also has a list of accomplishments outside of the professional

world. While working with the Virginia Performing Arts Foundation for the past four years, she helped to raise 72 million dollars in public and private donations and pledges. She also worked with the Foundation for Virginia aid in former Governor Mark Warner's bond campaign.

"As a part of the bond campaign, we focused on helping raise money to support higher education," said Ford.

Now, acting as an integral part of the Department of University Advancement, Ford has begun to acquaint herself with CNU and its development on a more intimate level.

"I am assessing the university's fundraising programs and their levels of efficiency as well as performing what one might call a departmental audit," she said.

In her time working with the university, Ford plans to expand its planning program (a vehicle for increasing CNU's endowment campaign), make



Nick Mirabal/The Captain's Log

Judy Ford takes over as Vice president of the Department of University Advancement.

more scholarships available to students and raise money through the CNU alumni phone-a-thon.

"I'm very pleased Judy has joined the CNU team. I have known and

worked with her for 20 years," Trible said in a recent news release. "She has a wealth of fundraising experience and is one of the most knowledgeable and creative people I have ever met."

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communication between the UN and the peacekeeping troops, and a failure to correctly interpret the political solution in Rwanda following the first ceasefire in 1993, according to Kempin.

Kempin presented a "toolbox," or an ideal system of steps the UN should take in dealing with ethnic tensions. The toolbox is a systematic process that begins with early warning signs and conflict alerts and progresses through to post-conflict monitoring and evaluation.

Kempin also recommended that the UN appoint a special rapporteur or representative on minorities — someone who would have special expertise in ethnic conflict prevention and minority protection.

Lauren Lupfer, a freshman and political science major, thought that Kempin would be a good addition to the department.

"I think she's a great candidate," she said.

On Friday, Jan. 20, Panagia delivered a presentation entitled "Federal Land Exchanges: Is It Time to Press Charges?" Panagia addressed how land exchanges between the federal government and private companies often leave the American people shortchanged in the name of private interests.

During land exchanges a piece of land might end up being underappreciated or devalued, according to Panagia, and he asked whether or not it was an honest mistake by the institutions involved or a sign of unethical action.

It is a subject that should matter to the average American, Panagia said, because people enjoy visiting national parks and forests during their vacations, and those publicly owned parks are theirs to enjoy. If those lands end up in the hands of private companies, the public will not be able to visit anymore. According to Panagia, one problem

is that there is no clear definition of "the public interest." Agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service have been subject to pressures from private landowners and other interests, and the federal government has been less inclined in recent years to punish companies and interests who try to devalue public lands, he added.

"The criminalization of acts against the public interest might be a socialist measure," Panagia said, "but it would at least 'add some teeth' to current measures implemented by agencies."

Dr. Peter Carlson, of Government and Public Affairs, thought highly of Panagia and the presentation.

Two more government faculty candidate presentations are scheduled for this month: one entitled "Terrorism Trials and the Constitution," and the other "Courts, Cleavages and Credible Commitments: The Politics of Judicial Independence." ■

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senate on several occasions, according to Farooq, and discussing Amendment 0905 was wasting the senate's time. "If you're concerned about these meetings only lasting half an hour, then maybe you guys should look into some real concerns on campus," she said.

Here, Peresich moved for the senate to enter into closed session, which if passed by a majority vote of the senate, would have required all guests to exit the senate chambers for the duration of the closed session. Dermer supported Peresich's motion.

"Basically, the president was overstepping her bounds and breaking the separation of powers by attempting to argue against a piece of legislation that is before the senate," Dermer later said when asked why he wished to enter closed session.

"It's like I said before: it's just breaking the separation of powers

which is provided for in the SGA constitution."

The senate voted down the motion to enter into executive session, and then voted down Amendment 0905.

Prior to discussion of the amendment proposal, Farooq delivered her executive report to the senate, and asked senators to look into successful Learning Communities and the reasons that had succeeded. At the meeting's end, the senate heard a report from Secretary of University Affairs Jason Scheel, discussed complaints about a poster hanging in the Monroe building of CNU Apartments and inquired with Scheel about construction delays. "Is the library delayed too?" asked freshman senator Joe Hamm.

"No one's going to answer that question," said Farooq. SGA VP Molly Buckley said she did not think it would be completed while the current class of freshmen attends CNU. ■

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Hill, President of the Multicultural Student Association, read a poem she had written, entitled "Anatomy of My Ancestry."

Her poem described the physical stereotypes most often associated with blacks, as well as the strengths that have allowed them to overcome the obstacles they face as minorities in America.

Many esteemed citizens of Newport News attended the event, including Mayor Joe Frank, President Paul S. Trible Jr. and a number of members of the CNU Board of Visitors. ■

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Students tour the construction site

On Nov. 4, members of the Student Union Board, as well as CNU's Donna Edelman and Student Activities Kim Boudley, joined the new Student Union project. The Student Union, 600,000 sq ft, will start the Spring 2006 semester. The new Student Union will replace the current Student Union, according to CNU's Vice President, Dr. Peter Carlson, will likely be completed by the end of the year.

Farooq ready for SGA changes

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World and Nation



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Presidential candidate Michelle Bachelet speaks briefly with the press after casting her vote in the presidential run-off election in Santiago, Chile, Sunday, January 15, 2006.

Chile makes a choice: First female president elected

By JACK CHANG
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SANTIAGO, Chile — Voters in this booming Andean country elected their first woman president, Michelle Bachelet, in a Sunday run-off victory that added to a rising wave of women leaders in Latin America.

The 54-year-old physician, who served as health and then defense minister under popular outgoing President Ricardo Lagos, won 53.51 percent of votes, based on results from 97.52 percent of voting sites.

Billionaire businessman Sebastian Pinera won 46.48 percent of votes and conceded defeat early Sunday night.

Speaking to thousands of people who filled the Alameda, Santiago's main street, Bachelet thanked Chileans for making history Sunday night and promised to use her mandate to usher in "a new style of government" marked by a "new relationship between the representatives and the represented."

She also paid emotional homage to her father, Alberto Bachelet, an air force general who died in 1974 after he was detained by the country's military dictatorship. Bachelet's mother and three children joined her onstage.

"Who would have imagined 10, 20, even five years ago that Chile would elect a woman president?" she asked with a voice hoarse from months of campaigning.

"This is not a triumph of one person, of one party, of one coalition. Chile

has won again like it has every time."

Analysts said her win signaled a fundamental political shift in a country known as one of the Western Hemisphere's most conservative countries, where traditional religious values closely guide public policy.

Bachelet has said she is an atheist. She has been long separated from her husband and has raised her three children largely on her own. She also speaks five languages and has studied in the United States and Germany.

She was imprisoned and tortured during the early years of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship and lived in European exile in the late-1970s.

"This will bring about enormous amounts of change that people aren't even aware of yet," said Marta Lagos, regional head of the public research firm MORI. "This will be a government like her candidacy, more direct, more transparent, more people-oriented."

Bachelet is the second woman to be elected head of state in South American history. The voters of tiny Guyana elected Janet Jagan, widow of longtime President Cheddi Jagan, in 1997.

"That a woman who is separated, was tortured and exiled now becomes the president of Chile is really incredible," said Heraldo Munoz, Chile's ambassador to the United Nations and a Bachelet supporter. "This will truly have an impact in Latin America."

Bachelet joins a recent surge of women politicians in Latin America who have succeeded in national politics despite traditional male control

over political and economic power.

In neighboring Argentina, first lady Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner won a hard-fought race for a Senate seat last October and regularly outshines her husband, President Nestor Kirchner, on the national scene.

In Peru, former congresswoman Lourdes Flores is running a close race against nationalist candidate Ollanta Humala for her country's presidency.

"Women represent change in a region where politicians are viewed with suspicion," said Joseph Ramos, dean of the school of economics at the University of Chile and a longtime Latin American policy expert.

Bachelet based her campaign largely on internal issues such as boosting education and reforming the country's pension system.

She also argued for more gender equality in Chilean society and pledged to appoint just as many men as women to her Cabinet.

With Chile's economy posting six percent growth last year, Bachelet has promised to continue Lagos' outward-looking economic policies, stressing foreign investment and bilateral trade agreements.

Many credit those policies with pulling the country of 18 million people out of economic recession in 1999. Chile's economy also has benefited from high world prices for copper, its biggest export. Bachelet's victory extended the center-left Concertacion coalition's nearly 16-year hold on the presidency. Bachelet, like the outgoing President

Lagos, hails from Chile's Socialist Party, a Concertacion member.

Bachelet will take power March 11 with Concertacion majorities in both houses of Congress, the first time in the coalition's history, largely due to constitutional reforms that eliminated designated military senators.

"The coalition no longer needs to negotiate with the opposition, which can be a source of danger," Ramos said. "Differences are sure to emerge within this coalition."

While conceding defeat Sunday, Pinera struck a conciliatory tone and said his conservative Alliance for Chile coalition was ready to work with Concertacion legislators. He appeared alongside Bachelet at her campaign headquarters about an hour later.

Bachelet was elected for a four-year term and cannot serve consecutive terms.

She previously came in first among four presidential candidates in a general election, but fell short of a majority of votes that would have given her the presidency outright then.

Several Chileans who voted for Bachelet Sunday said they supported her because of her ties to Lagos, whose popularity rating was more than 70 percent.

"I support the continuation of this very good government," said José Trancoso Mesa, a public employee who voted in downtown Santiago Sunday morning. "The fact that she's a woman is not important to me."

Bin Laden warns of new attacks

By WARREN P. STROBEL AND
JONATHAN S. LANDAY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — In his first public communication in more than a year, Osama bin Laden said in an audiotape released Thursday that al-Qaida is preparing to mount new attacks on the United States, but he offered a truce to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bin Laden, in a double-edged message addressed to Americans, cited public discontent in the United States with the war in Iraq and bragged that "our situation, thank God, is getting better and better, while your situation is the opposite of that."

"We don't mind offering you a long-term truce on fair conditions that we adhere to," bin Laden said on the tape, first broadcast on the Arabic Al-Jazeera satellite TV network. "Both sides can enjoy security and stability under this truce so we can build Iraq and Afghanistan, which have been destroyed in this war. There is no shame in this solution."

The White House quickly rejected the offer, as did members of Congress.

"We do not negotiate with terrorists. We put them out of business," said White House press secretary Scott McClellan.

Current and former U.S. counterterrorism officials warned against seeing the truce offer as a sign of weakness in the al-Qaida terrorist network. One official, who like others requested anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, recalled that bin Laden offered a truce to European countries in 2004, about a month after the deadly bombings on commuter trains in Madrid. When it met no response, militants staged attacks in London.

Bin Laden, citing the attacks in Europe, said, "The delay in similar operations happening in America has not been because of failure to break through your security measures. The operations are under preparation and you will see them in your homes the minute (the preparations) are through."

Former State Department terrorism expert Dennis Pluchinsky said that the al-Qaida leader could be following an Islamic tradition of warning his enemies before striking them. Al-Jazeera at first said the bin Laden tape was recorded in December, but later corrected that and said it was made earlier this month, according to news reports from the region.

In it, bin Laden mentions a purported remark by Bush to British Prime Minister Tony Blair about bombing Al-Jazeera's headquarters in Qatar. News reports of the remark — denied by the British government — first surfaced last November, dating bin Laden's audio recording in the last two months.

Counterterrorism officials said they had no intelligence indicating an imminent attack on the United States. The Department of Homeland Security's color-coded threat level remained at yellow.

Bureaucracy in S. Africa leads to frustration

By LAURIE GOERING
Chicago Tribune

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — When 21-year-old Kabelo Thibedi picked up his new national identity document several years ago, he noticed the birth date was wrong.

He soon sent the little green book back for correction, but never saw it again. Over more than two years, he paid dozens of visits to four different offices of South Africa's Home Affairs Department, searching for news of the missing document. Without it, he had to repeatedly turn down job offers. He couldn't get into college. He couldn't get a driver's license or open a bank account.

Finally, told on his most recent visit that he'd have to continue to wait, the frustrated young Sowetan pulled out a toy gun and held a bureaucrat hostage for five hours until his corrected ID was delivered by police helicopter, a move that instantly transformed him into a national hero.

Battles with bureaucracy are hardly unique to South Africa, as any American who has waited hours in line for a driver's license can attest. But South Africa's Home Affairs Department — which issues birth certificates, marriage certificates, identity cards and passports, and handles immigration and other crucial affairs — has won a spot of particular enmity in the hearts of South Africans.

On hearing of Thibedi's arrest, one Cape Town woman offered to pay his legal fees, noting her daughter had been waiting nine months for her identity card. John Qwelane, a local newspaper columnist, called the Soweto man's actions "perfectly understandable," arguing that "the real villains of the Thibedi saga are the good-for-nothing bureaucrats at Home Affairs."

"The government needs to take urgent and serious note of the unprecedented public sympathy being expressed" for Thibedi, warned an editorial in the Mercury, a Durban newspaper. "The sense of utter frustration that drove him to take such senseless action is shared by tens of thousands of South Africans who have had the misfortune to deal with the Home Affairs Department."

The embattled department has a tough job. It is taking in 14,000 identity document applications a month but — thanks to understaffing — can manage to issue only 6,000, according to documents released by the government. The laws it is charged with enforcing are sometimes convoluted. Frequently criticized as corrupt and inefficient, its staff members face their own battles trying to sort out legions of fraudulent applicants.

Nkosana Sibuyi, a Home Affairs spokesman, says the government has been trying to speed up service. Each office was recently asked whether it needed additional staff and "once those submissions are approved (the positions) will be advertised accordingly," he said. Decrepit offices have

been painted and a "The Client is Always Right" campaign started.

"As a caring and responsive department, we would like to reiterate our commitment to services we offer to millions of South Africans," the agency said in a statement issued after the hostage-taking, urging that Thibedi feel the full brunt of the law for his transgression.

More than 200 people who arrived on a recent flight from Nigeria to Johannesburg's international airport simply walked through immigration unimpeded after finding no Home Affairs officials on duty to check their passports. The wait for national identity cards remains about a year.

Last year the agency put a "Verify Your Marital Status" page on its Web site after discovering Home Affairs officials had registered legions of fraudulent marriages, usually between foreigners and unsuspecting South African women. South Africa enjoys a bull market in falsified identity documents, in part because the desperate resort to buying what they can't get legally.

Muzi Thembekwayo, a 55-year-old construction skills trainer waiting to replace a lost identity document this month at one Home Affairs office, said he "very much sympathized" with the Soweto hostage-taker. Thibedi, South Africa's new rebel icon, meanwhile, is now out on \$500 bail but faces trial on charge-taking charges. Until the trial is over his hard-won ID is locked up in a police safe as a piece of state's evidence.



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Where We Stand

Looking ahead, and looking back

It's happened. We're fresh off break; we've thoroughly rested and finally recovered from post-exam lethargy. Still, the new semester (despite its tender age of two weeks) is already moving at an alarming rate. In the midst of classes and developments on campus, we have been forced to once again buckle down and accomplish, so we don't allow new problems to surface or old ones to be forgotten. We're forced to conduct ourselves with both eyes open, aware both of where we've been and where we're going.

It's imperative that we, as members of the CNU community, forge ahead with our collective past, present and future in mind. We must not only remember our old problems; we must bravely face and squarely resolve them. We must not only prepare for them; we must immediately engage those already appearing.

After the death of freshman Brianna Sizemore last semester, the SGA and the Traffic Safety Commission took steps to address the issue of pedestrian safety. Committee members and senate volunteers stood watch over Warwick Boulevard, monitoring jaywalking, while surveys and recommendations were passed out and discussed. The final results of this investigation have not yet been reported, but it's still important to remember that the issue remains unresolved. President Paul S. Tribble Jr. challenged students (in his University address on Oct. 3) to take action — and with a new semester underway, it's time to take firm strides to protect our student body.

The CNU web site has changed, with mixed results. Although some students seem to view this as a positive improvement, the changes should produce a few questions for our university. Most importantly: what happened to the "Fast Finds" drop-down menu? It has long served us as a useful tool on the CNU home page, and is sorely missed. It provided direct, convenient access to many university services such as the bookstore, the registrar and the schedule of classes, all of which now are only linked to the main page indirectly.

Budget season is upon us, for the State, for CNU and for CNU's clubs and organizations. Once again, it's time for everyone to brush the dust off their calculators (not to mention their budget guidelines), and prepare for the upcoming years ahead.

Our SGA senate has again entered its regular sessions, beginning the year with a heated confrontation over the future of the SGA's separation of powers. Certainly, after the criticisms passed back and forth between senators and executives at this semester's first meeting, the SGA now knows a new year has begun.

And, really, that's the heart of it all, isn't it?

Spring marks not only our new semester, but also our new year. As it always has, the New Year brings more of the same, but also a slew of new experiences. And as tradition would have it, the New Year brings resolutions meant to meet all those challenges.

So let's meet our challenges headfirst this year. Let's add to the resolutions we all made 26 days ago, and welcome '06 with resolutions to move forward and to make progress. We won't forget where we've been, and we shall look to where we're going.

KANSAS SCHOOLS CAN TEACH 'INTELLIGENT DESIGN'



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Letter to the Editor

As a senator in the Student Government Association, it is my duty to listen to the concerns of my constituency. A concerned student from CNU Apartments brought to my attention a bulletin board display in Monroe which disturbed her greatly. As many of us know, RA's are required to create bulletin board displays for their residents. The display in question is located in the lobby of Monroe next to the elevator. It contains very graphic, sexually explicit imagery and written descriptions which are inappropriate for our campus environment. Simply put, this display in Monroe promotes sex and has no educational or socially redeeming value of any kind.

Specifically, the title of this bulletin board display is "Horny, Why Wait?" and its obvious how this could be considered offensive or vulgar. The display as a whole creates an atmosphere of hostility against students who practice abstinence/celebrity until marriage. I will spare readers the other details of this display, but it's clear that the effect of this display is to promote sexual activity among the students. Even worse, there are no descriptions of the consequences of pre-marital sex and promiscuity in general.

In light of today's environment of rampant STDs and unwanted pregnancies, I find it very troubling that this display was ever allowed to be constructed in the first place. Fellow SGA Senator Robert Peresich and I have both witnessed this display and we seek a change in the standards for what is allowed to be placed on these bulletin boards. If necessary, we are willing to draft a resolution to that end. Senator Peresich and I have talked to East Campus staff about this matter and there is talk that some of the content of this particular bulletin board display will change soon. Above all else, I hope that this issue sparks discourse for the purpose of amending current policy regarding these bulletin board displays. Our university should maintain a clean image, especially for family and friends who visit here as well as prospective students.

Sincerely,

Senator Joshua Dermer
 Student Government Association

Gas ratings standards need a change

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Friday, Jan. 13:

By the second time they buy a car, most American drivers have learned to view skeptically the mileage estimates listed on the windows of those shiny new automobiles in the showroom. "28 m.p.g. highway, 21 city."

Yeah, right. Now, investigations by Consumers Union, AAA and other groups have verified that skepticism.

The studies revealed vast discrepancies between the fuel efficiency automakers say vehicles can achieve and what they actually deliver.

On Tuesday, the Environmental Protection Agency finally admitted that its 20-year-old mileage rating system is outdated and vowed reform.

Beginning in 2008, cars, trucks and SUVs will have new fuel-economy ratings reflecting real-world driving conditions.

For the first time, ratings will take into account higher

speed limits, rapid acceleration, use of air conditioning and cold weather. They'll consider road grade, wind resistance, tire pressure, load and different fuels.

With gas prices high, consumers deserve accurate information to make better vehicle choices.

That's important to individuals, but also to the nation. Family vehicles account for 40 percent of American oil consumption and 20 percent of greenhouse-gas emissions, which contribute to global warming.

By choosing more fuel-efficient vehicles, Americans can help clean up the environment and bolster national security by reducing dependence on foreign oil.

Assuming no changes to the vehicles themselves, city m.p.g. estimates for most models are expected to drop 10 percent to 20 percent. Highway estimates will likely drop 5 percent to 15 percent.

That would be consistent with comparisons done by the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automobile Research Center. In a study released this week, the center

compared the EPA's current ratings with owner data and its own technicians' research on 41 vehicles. Ninety percent experienced mileage worse than their EPA rating.

For example, a 2005 Toyota Camry averaged 28.5 m.p.g. in the EPA rating, but only 23.7 in the owner test and 24.2 in the auto club test.

Gas-electric hybrid vehicles could see some of the biggest variations, because they're more sensitive to road conditions and fuel-draining features, such as air-conditioning.

However, hybrids will still remain among the most fuel-efficient choices.

Beyond vehicle choice, gas mileage depends on good maintenance and sensible driving.

Factors such as low-tire pressure, jump-start acceleration, overloading cargo racks, running electrical accessories on "max," and unnecessary use of four-wheel drive reduce efficiency.

This new EPA gas-mileage rating system is a needed change. ■

Vatican weighs in on ID

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Friday, Jan. 20:

What if God spoke, and said: "What's this intelligent design stuff? That ain't science!"

Would ID proponents keep on talking? "Well, not if you redefine science." ... "There's too many holes in the theory of evolution." ... "Life is too complex for it to be the product of random mutation." ... "This is academic censorship!"

Rather than hurling down serpents, frogs and thunderbolts, The Divinity might clear the throat and politely restate: "Sorry, one more time: Intelligent design is not science."

This week, it wasn't God talking, exactly — but, by some lights, it came pretty close.

On Tuesday, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano published an article, by University of Bologna evolution-

ary biologist Fiorenzo Facchini, which said a Pennsylvania judge was right to nix the Dover school board's attempt to order teachers to read an ID-related statement to students.

In agreement with Judge John E. Jones III, Facchini wrote that "intelligent design does not belong to science and there is no justification for the pretext that it be taught as a scientific theory alongside the Darwinian explanation."

While the paper is not an official Catholic Church voicebox, anything that gets printed must pass close scrutiny to jibe with Vatican thought.

Hilariously, the Discovery Institute, a flimsy cover for neo-creationist advocates, and one of the failed powerhouses behind the ID push, said that to see Facchini's piece as Vatican thought was "to put words in the Vatican's mouth."

Which gets it exactly backward.

For more than half a century,

the Roman Catholic Church has embraced the science of evolution and has rejected the kind of politically "polluted" (Facchini's word) fundamentalism that stinks up the evolution/ID wars.

True, some are confused about where Pope Benedict XVI stands. Hasn't he spoken of "this intelligent project that is the cosmos"? Yes — but that's a religious statement, not a claim that ID is science.

That's why Facchini's piece probably is what the Vatican wants the world to hear.

Facchini suggests that God might well have employed random mutation in designing the cosmos. "God's project of creation can be carried out through secondary causes in the natural course of events," he writes. No need to fight evolution. It might be the Big Plan.

But the fighters probably will fight on. And on. Give them credit. It takes courage to put words in God's mouth. ■

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The Village: Supercuts, Subs, Smoothies, Salons and Schooner's



Samantha Pelstring / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Shop owners are anticipating opening within the next few weeks, as Village residents wait patiently to enjoy a variety of stores and restaurants. The CNU Village residence hall was completed before the fall 2005 semester.

By IAN SASS-BASEDOW
Editorial Assistant

As CNU Village's shops come closer to opening, two newly confirmed deals with restaurant chains Subway and Tropical Smoothie mark its progress for students to see.

Despite delays with contractors and corporate negotiations, C.E.O. of CNU Real Estate Foundation, Douglas L. Hornsby assures students that the wait has been worth it.

"It was our desire to provide the best mix of retail we could for the students and community, and I think we're really beginning to see that," he said.

Students will see these changes soon: three stores are poised to open in the next three weeks.

First, Supercuts (which lays claim to what is currently the only completely finished space) will open this Thursday, according to store Manager Michelle Moore. "We offer cuts, color, and wax and student discounts. We're really excited," the hairdresser said.

Tiki Mon Nail and Tan will open in two weeks pending final inspections, according to its owner, Ronnie Long.

"We just want to get the bugs out, you know? Honestly we're about 98 percent there," he said.

The elaborate "Tiki" decorations within attract curious eyes to the window.

"Most of the time you find that nail and tanning salons can be incredibly stuffy. I really wanted to provide a really inviting, comfortable place that would make people want to come in and have fun," said Long.

He plans also to have an official grand opening exclusively for students, possibly offering free tanning and discounts on other services such as the hydro-massage bed.

"Imagine being massaged by 25 gallons of

water rushing beneath your body," he said, describing a hydro-massage.

Schooner's, a Deli-Grill style restaurant, should open in about three weeks. It will indeed serve alcohol, Hornsby confirms. "We're going to be cautious," he said. Hornsby hopes of-age patrons will enjoy responsibly despite being so close to main campus.

The Schooner's restaurant space possesses nautical, yet modern-themed décor, which Schooner's co-owner Bobby Wharton says will be accented by symbols of school pride, including the CNU Sails and athletics photographs.

Wharton intends for Schooner's to be the kind of place students go to enjoy a cup of coffee between classes, grab dinner on weeknights or watch a big game during the weekend.

"We will be having four 50-inch TVs as well as a couple smaller televisions, wireless Internet access, and hope to have live acoustic music two to three times a week as well as a full band on the weekends," he said.

A few late openings will join these initial three, including Sushi and Spice, which will serve Japanese and Korean cuisine as well as sushi. It should be open from mid to late February, according to its co-owner Jhono Kim.

Though no corporate construction has begun on the Tropical Smoothie and Subway spaces, crews will be arriving immediately to expedite their openings, said Hornsby. He hopes to complete those projects in 60 days.

Hornsby also spoke of things to come. "We are inches away from deals on a number of spaces. Be on the lookout for a premium brand in the food industry which I think will be a very big hit," he said.

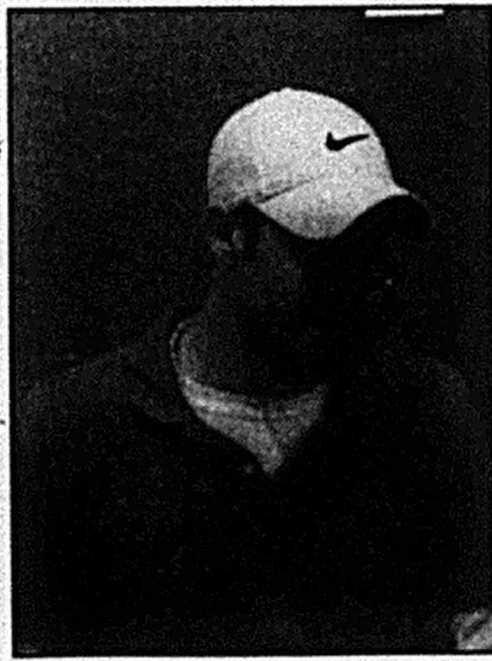
According to Hornsby, other possible Village additions include an ATM machine for the village breezeway, a financial institution and a store for electronics. ■

"How do you feel about the new CNU Web site?"

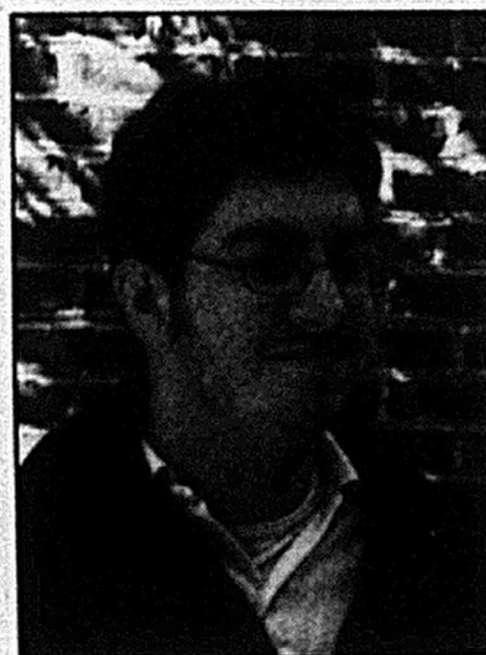
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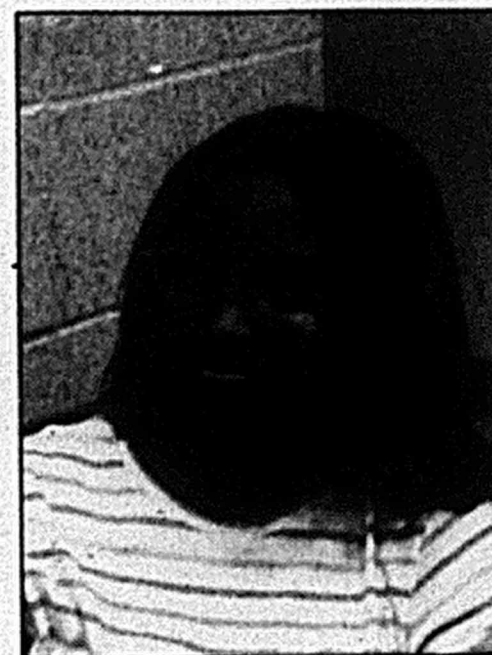
"I had a hard time finding CNU Live."
— Brandon Palekas, freshman



"I like the set up a lot more — it's user friendly."
— Adam Dupuis, junior



"It is not very user-friendly anymore. Waste of money."
— Mike Scott, junior



"I don't like it. There is no drop-down menu anymore."
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Rachel Holland
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Music and Theatre Hall
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Peter Pan
Ferguson Center
8 p.m.

January 28, 29

Peter Pan
Ferguson Center
2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

CONCERTS

January 27

Family Tree with Special Guests
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Peppermint Beach Club
Virginia Beach

January 29

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The NorVa

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January 25

Ester Drang
"Rocinate"

P.O.D.
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Steve Reynolds
"Exile"

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"Firewater"

Nick Barrett
"A Rush of Adrenaline"

MOVIE RELEASES

January 27

"Imagine Me and You"

Starring Piper Perabo, Lena
Headey and Matthew Goode,
"Imagine Me and You" is a ro-
mantic comedy in which Perabo,
on the day of her wedding, be-
comes attracted to an unexpected
stranger in the pews, causing her
to rethink her choice of groom.

"Imagine Me and You" is unrated

"Annapolis"

Living out his dream, James
Franco stars as a hard-working
youth recently accepted into a
prestigious Naval Academy, but
must overcome intimidation in
order to succeed and attain the
respect of his peers.

"Annapolis" is rated PG-13.

"Manderlay"

In director Lars von Trier's
sequel to "Dogville," Bryce Dal-
las Howard, Jeremy Davies and
Danny Glover star in this film
of a young woman (Howard)
who travels with her father to
Alabama and happens upon the
plantation Manderlay, where
the concepts of slavery are still
an institution.

"Manderlay" is unrated.

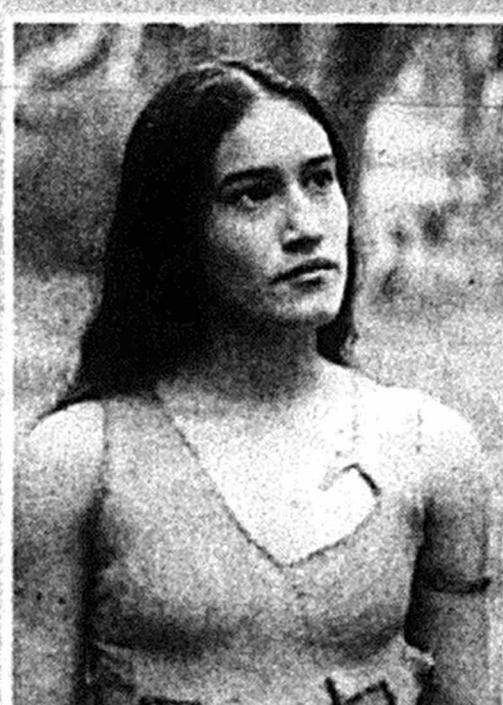
"Big Momma's House 2"

Martin Lawrence returns to re-
prise his role of "Big Momma,"
this time using his undercover
cop skills to protect children
from a suspected serial killer,
surprising himself when he
begins to develop a tender affec-
tion for the children in his care.

"Big Momma's House" is rated
PG-13.

DVD RELEASES

"Flightplan," "The Fog,"
"Thumbsucker," "The
Aristocrats," "Oliver Twist."



Top: Colin Farrell plays Captain John Smith, Kalani Queypo as Parahunt. Bottom: Q'orianka Kilcher as Pocahontas, Christopher Plummer as Christopher Newport.

a new version of our world

By DR. NIGEL SELLARS
Associate Professor of History

There is an old joke in the theater that one does not leave a musical humming the scenery. Nor does a viewer leave a movie awed only by the cinematography. We are engaged mostly by a film's characters and story.

And that is precisely where "The New World" falters. "The New World" does not really deal with the authentic sufferings of the colonists and their conflict with the Native Americans.

Terrence Malick's retelling of the settling of Jamestown in 1607 and the collision of English and Native American cultures is certainly visually stunning. Malick has given us as good a re-creation of the wilderness at dawn as one could ever wish. Malick's eye for color and natural lighting gives this film a tremendous vibrance and energy.

But, alas, there is less to "The New World" than meets the eye. Instead of a dramatic tale, Malick has chosen to retell a well-known legend of dubious origin: the love story of John Smith (Colin Farrell) and Pocahontas (Q'orianka Kilcher) and how she saved him from execution by her father Wahunsonacock (August Schellenberg), the king of the Powhatan.

Dramatically and emotionally, the film seems oddly

sterile and unengaging. Its human characters come across less as living, breathing, emoting beings and more as figures blending into the gorgeous landscape.

The story of how Pocahontas — or more properly, Matoaka (Pocahontas was a nickname meaning roughly "playful little girl") — saved John Smith from execution at the hands of her father is well-known, but also historically suspect. Most historians believe Smith fabricated the story, or even borrowed it from a Spanish tale then popular in England. Smith's 1608 "A True Relation of Occurrences and Accidents in Virginia" mentions neither Matoaka nor the incident. It first appears in his "Generall Historie of Virginia," published in 1616 at the earliest.

This suggests Smith either published it when Matoaka (married to planter John Rolfe and rechristened Rebecca) made her voyage to England or after her death in 1617. In either case he may have been trying to cash in on her popularity in England.

Because Smith's other autobiographical writings often reflect his sizeable ego, and his claims of derring-do and of the young and noble women who threw themselves at him, his tale of Pocahontas has thus struck many historians as improbable.

If the "execution" did

indeed take place, Smith may also have misinterpreted it, given that he did not at that time understand the Powhatan language. It might have been part of an adoption ritual, given that Wahunsonacock did adopt Smith, naming the Englishman "Nataquoud."

While historians believe the romance between Smith and Matoaka is most likely total fiction, Smith apparently had a real affection for Pocahontas and certainly befriended her. Unlike the film, however, when Smith met her once more, in England, she called him a liar and turned her back on him.

Story has actually never been a strong suit of Malick's. All four of his films, beginning with 1973's "Badlands," seem more concerned with merely observing the human condition and internalizing the meaning of humanity's fall from grace.

Malick prefers to use voice-over narration to imply emotional content in his films rather than actually showing real emotions. This means the characters seem to act without motivation, often causing the film's events to appear to happen spontaneously, without a real cause.

As a result, "The New World" is full of highly accurate details and events, creating an authentic film but not exactly an accurate one. The film contains many subtle but precise details, ranging from the rough cloth and earthy colors of the colonists' clothes, the strik-

ing interiors of the Powhatan longhouses to the planting of fish as fertilizer in the soil next to the tobacco plants. It correctly has John Smith bound in chains below deck, accused of mutinous talk, when the fleet of three ships arrives at the future Jamestown.

Malick also goes to great lengths to show the suffering and starvation of the colonists, the rituals and practices of the "Naturals" (as Smith calls the natives) and the manic violence of 17th-century combat. His portrayal of Jacobean England and its royal court is also both visually stunning and accurate, as his portrayal of Matoaka bringing food to the starving English.

But other details are disturbingly wrong. The film implies that mutinous colonists shot and killed colonial leader Edward Wingfield. That is a falsehood, as first of all Wingfield preceded Smith as leader of the colony rather than succeeding him, and second, Wingfield was later sent back to England.

Similarly, the film suggests that John Smith left the colony to explore the coast of New England and Newfoundland looking for the Northwest passage to Asia. While he did indeed undertake such exploration, Smith left Jamestown in 1608 after being severely burned in a gunpowder explosion that might have been an attempt on his life. The colo-

nists told Matoaka that Smith was dead.

He never returned to Virginia, but the film would have you believe he was there in 1613 when Pocahontas arrived to live with the colonists. Neither does the film point out that she had been kidnapped from her native husband and was held hostage to force the Powhatan to release the English prisoners they held.

Indeed, the film suggests she was exiled because she had given the colonists the seeds to grow corn and warned them of an impending attack, so the English were actually rescuing her rather than abducting her.

The most glaring error, especially for Virginia viewers, is Captain Christopher Newport suddenly having re-grown his right arm, lost in battle with the Spanish some years earlier. Although Christopher Plummer's portrayal of Newport is superb overall (given the lack of physical information we have) the lack of one of the few details we do have — the captain's hook — is disconcerting.

In general, "The New World" is authentic, visually beautiful, accurate in most details, and succeeds as art, but in telling the wrong story of Jamestown, it renders itself bereft of emotion and drama.

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Women in Community art exhibit open in Falk Gallery

By AMBER LESTER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Every angel assembled in the collages of Susan Stapleton McLaurin tells a story.

Some of her finely crafted, delicate angels tell of a woman who married young and raised her children before ever pursuing her dream of becoming a professional artist.

Other angels tell of the woman who came to CNU at 40 years old, walked up to Professor Betty Anglin and said, "I can't draw a straight line, but I want to be an artist," to which Anglin responded, "You've come to the right place."

The carefully preserved angels even tell of their own miraculous survival of Hurricane Katrina when the owner of the Martha Mabey Gallery in Bi-

loxi, Miss. stashed McLaurin's pieces in a room of her home — the only room to survive the storm.

The angels are a reflection of McLaurin's message to female artists.

"The angels were conceived by thinking that every woman has a dream, and even though maybe at the time you cannot believe you can fulfill this dream, you can," she told the crowd gathered for the opening of Women in Community, an art exhibit at the Falk Gallery comprised of women associated with the artistic community in the area and CNU. "It pays to keep the faith," she said. "I think everybody can fulfill what they want to fulfill."

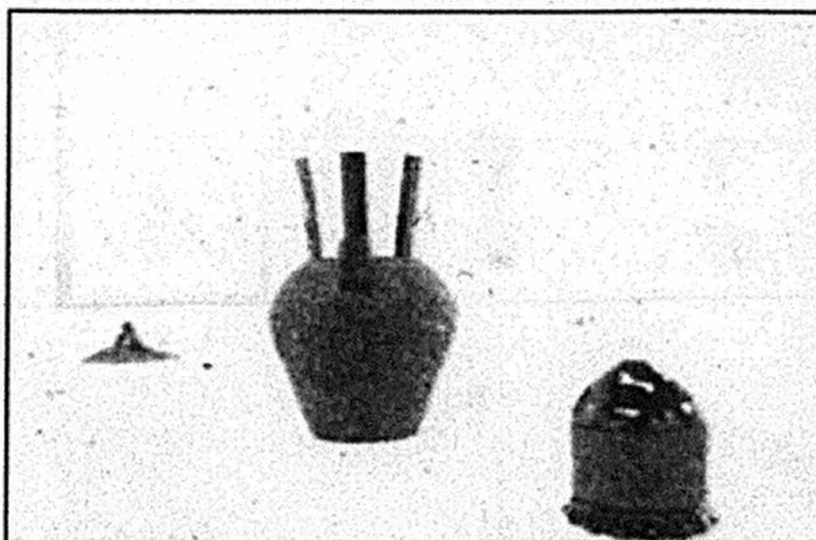
Women in Community features the works of six female artists, including water-

color paintings, mixed media works, porcelain and collage. Some of the women came to art later in life while others received undergraduate degrees in fine arts.

The women are inspired by nature, faith and especially their travels. As often as once a week and sometimes just once a month, Schwartz, Phyllis Greenway, Melanie Chambers Hartman and Patricia Rapoport meet to paint together and critique their works.

"It's nice because instead of painting in a class situation, you paint with your peers. When you get feedback from peers, you take it as advice," she said. "When you get a critique from a professor, you change it. A lot of times, what my friends say helps me figure out what I want to do."

No matter what the me-



Ryan Burke/The Captain's Log

Art from six women in the community is on display at the Falk Gallery.

dium, or how the women express themselves differently, Greenway pointed out that all artists share one common trait. "All of us that are artists have in common the absolute, maybe smug, joy of being im-

mersed in beauty," she told the crowd.

Women in Community will be exhibited in the Falk Gallery through Feb. 10. Work by these artists is also on display in the Ferguson Hall Gallery.

Tricks of the trade: Copperfield awes five sold-out audiences

By NICK MIRABAL
Assistant News Editor

David Copperfield, the magician who made the Statue of Liberty disappear, made his second grand appearance at the Ferguson Center for the Arts on Jan. 21, leaving behind a baffled audience.

As the Ferguson Center Concert Hall became saturated with audience members, a recorded voice repeatedly welcomed and warned the audience that the "taking of pictures and use of video cameras is strictly prohibited by law."

When the lights finally dimmed, the projection screen brightened, and the audience was presented with a 20-minute mini-show: "David Copperfield in Pop Culture."

The feature was a montage of clips from shows like "Mad About You," "Family Guy," "Stroker and Hoop" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," which contained references to David Copperfield.

"I knew David Copperfield was a big deal, but he really whipped out all the bells and whistles for the intro," said Linda Moore, a resident of Norfolk.

As is the tradition in all of his magic shows, Copperfield

materialized onstage as a part of his first trick: appearing inside a large empty crate while saddled on a motorcycle.

After engaging in a witty opening monologue (much like Conan O'Brien does on his talk show) and an audience-participated pep rally with a "Let's hear it for David Copperfield"

type chant, the crew began setting the stage for Copperfield's second trick: physically passing upward through a metal platform while laying down horizontally under the cover of a black plastic sheet.

"That trick was nothing short of awesome," said Beverly Brooks, also a Norfolk resident. "It was believable, too. I don't know how he could have done it."

With a small introduction and a couple quick one-liners, Copperfield flew right into his most publicized trick — impregnating a woman without any physical contact with her.

"So Amanda, are you ready to have my baby?" Copperfield asked after welcoming his audience-participant onstage.

After presenting Amanda with roses, chocolate and an autographed photo, Copperfield waved his hands around her in an attempted mystical/comical motion.

Signaling one of his assistants, he set up a "magic" sonogram, which was projected onto a large screen for the audience to see.

Copperfield proceeded to select audience members to write random numbers on a slip of paper—withholding the evidence from the rest of the audience, as well as Copperfield and his performance crew.

The computer-generated infant on the screen would hold up the corresponding number when Copperfield framed the question.

"I hope you're not expecting a commitment," joked

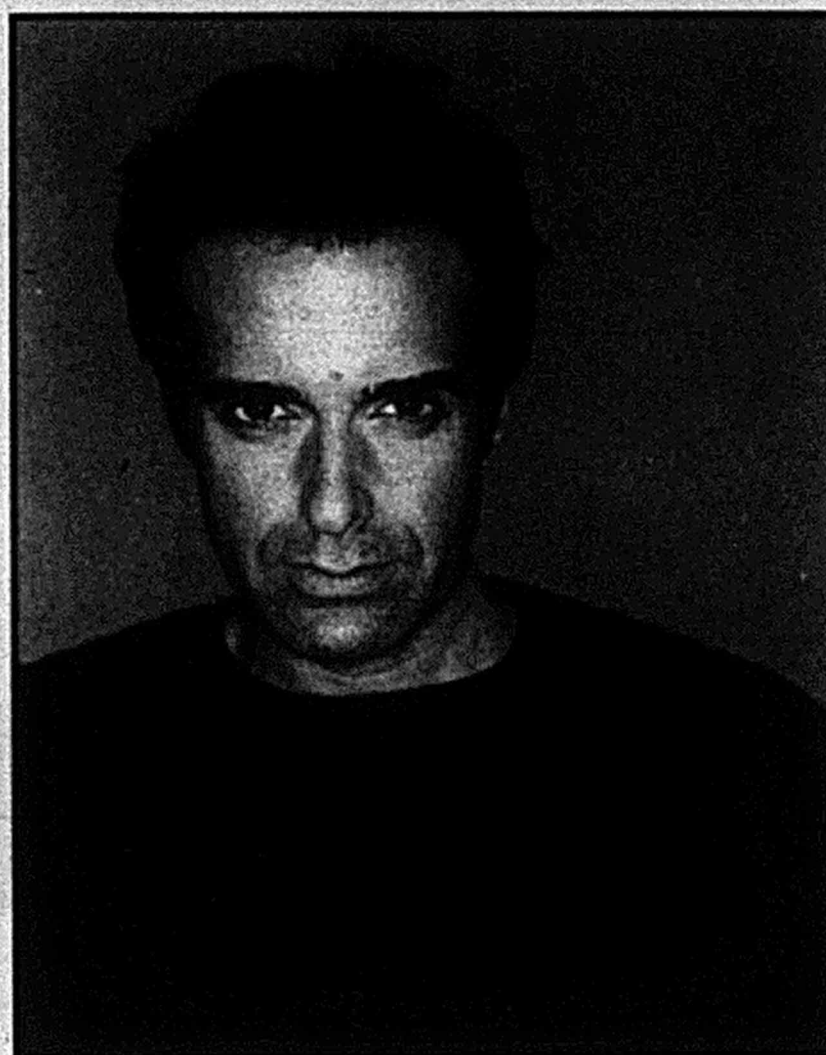


Photo courtesy of Ferguson Center for the Arts

David Copperfield's illusions included making a car appear, reuniting a family in Hawaii and impregnating a woman without touching her.

Copperfield as he sent his not-so-physical lover back into the audience. "Remember, what happens in Newport News stays in Newport News," he added.

As he neared the close of his performance, Copperfield spoke openly about his grandfather's dream of winning the Lincoln automobile lottery in the 1950's, and then appropriately made one appear onstage.

For another performance, Copperfield reunited an es-

tranged father and son in an instantaneous trip from the Ferguson Center to Hawaii, which was displayed on a live-feed screen.

Before departing, Copperfield performed the same trick with nine audience members — transporting them to the second floor of the Concert Hall in ten seconds.

"I was dumbfounded by the end of the show," said Lorraine Austin, a resident of Hampton.

"He was very clever." ■

Ferguson Center opens doors to Royal Philharmonic Opera

By MARK PANGILINAN
Copy Editor

Non-classical music enthusiasts may say what they will, but by several accounts from students and faculty alike, those who did not take advantage of rush ticketing for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra concert last Wednesday missed an engaging and spirited performance.

In spite of audience murmurs before the show about a possible 30-minute delay due to traffic and the subsequent late arrival of the RPO, the doors opened a mere 15 minutes later than planned, and the show opened with Sibelius' "Karelia Suite" shortly after.

Under the direction of conductor Charles Dutoit, this popular three-part suite served as an exciting opening piece for the concert. The "Intermezzo" piece of this suite in particular, with its moments of suspense and dream-like string elements, seemed able to stir even the most uninitiated of concertgoers.

One such audience member, sophomore Justin Pritchett, said that the opening suite by Sibelius was his favorite part of the entire performance, which included Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 5" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7." Pritchett, who said he has seen almost all of the concerts and shows at the Ferguson Center through rush ticketing, said that he was "happy to be back" this semester, and that orchestra center seats for \$5 to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra were "a great way to start the semester."

"It really is an exciting time to be here to see all of these

opening performances," Pritchett said. "UVA. had the Rolling Stones, but we get this, Michael Crawford, and the Boston Pops."

History Professor Dr. Philip Hamilton, on the other hand, said that he was most excited about the RPO's performance of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7."

"It's fantastic," Hamilton said in reference to the opportunity to see the RPO at CNU. "They're some of the world's greatest. What an amazing chance to see them, especially here in Newport News."

Sophomore Kaitlin Vetere also took advantage of the rush tickets. "I love it. The violin soloist is amazing to listen to and watch," she said. Vetere, who has played violin and cello, was speaking in reference to renowned soloist Joan Kwuon, who provided robust interplay between herself and the orchestra during Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 5." Kwuon's rose-colored gown also provided a visual contrast to the orchestra. During this piece, audience members were clearly impressed by the dramatic cello and bass plucking that was often almost percussive.

Overall, the RPO treated audience members to a spirited yet impeccably clean performance. By turns gloriously bombastic, and at other times tensely quiet and controlled, the orchestra showed off a truly impressive economy of sound.

At the concert's close, the orchestra and conductor received a standing ovation that lasted nearly three minutes. "I love the fact that this is available to us," said Vetere. ■

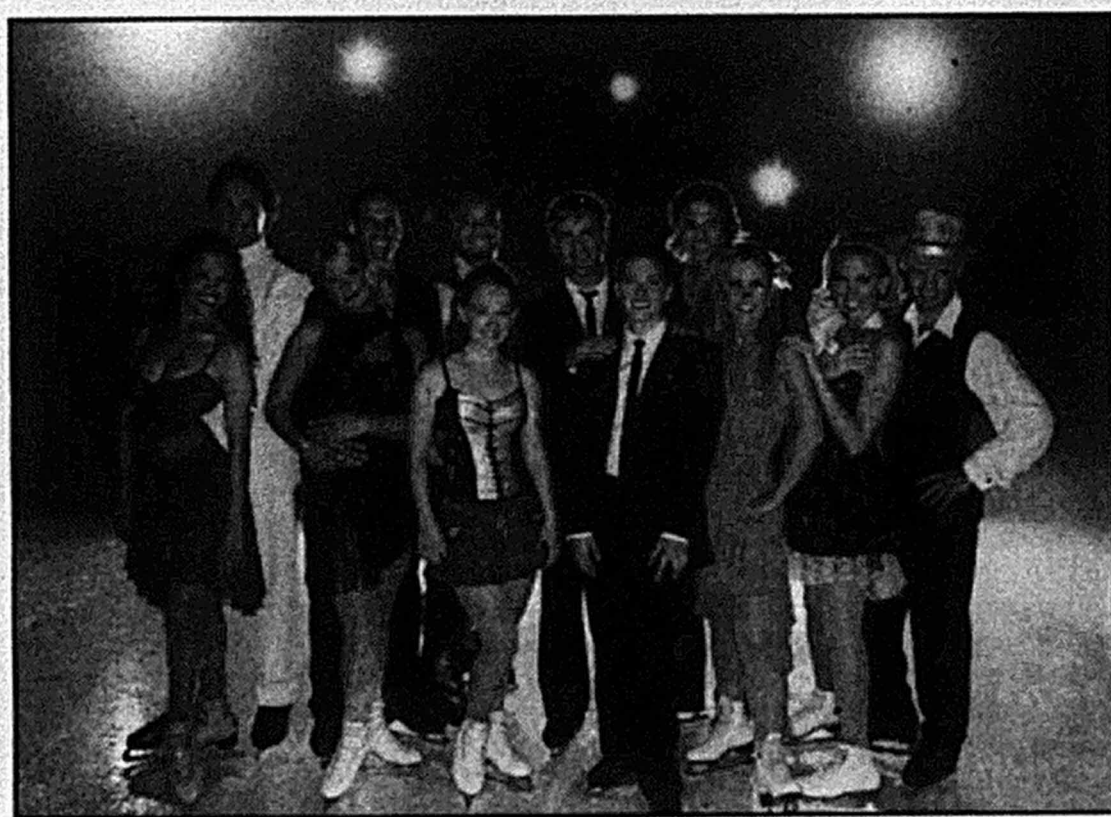


Photo courtesy of Fox Television

Former stars join professional skaters for a figure skating competition on Fox.

Fox's 'Skating With Celebrities' takes the reality show gold

By AMBER LESTER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Once, my boyfriend jokingly asked me if I follow any sports. "I do!" I insisted. "Figure skating!" Laugh if you will, but figure skating was the sport of choice in the Lester home.

So you can imagine my joy when I first saw an advertisement for "Skating With Celebrities," possibly the most genius celebrity reality show incarnation yet. Fox's somewhat blatant rip-off of ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" combines all the winning elements of reality hits: make a sweet and attractive former American sweetheart a judge (in this case, Dorothy Hamilton), stick her with a grumpy old British curmudgeon (skating coach Sir John Nicks), add a goofy host (a ridiculously chipper Scott Hamilton) and assemble a cast of has-been or almost celebrities.

ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" was a surprise summer smash, introducing America to the thrilling (yes, thrilling) world of competitive ballroom dancing, exposing the competitive heart in even the most D-list celebrity. But "Skating With Celebrities" dares to add the one missing element: danger. Bruises, cut knees, catastrophic falls that send each skater tumbling across the ice — they're all here. As the NASCAR fan morbidly watches for the crashes,

the figure skating fan is always waiting for a chin to get split.

In addition, while ballroom dancing is by no means easy to learn and simple to master, figure skating adds an increased need for a strong center of gravity and even presents a challenge for the pros; most of the figure skaters paired with the celebrities were singles skaters unaccustomed to lifts or concerns about which direction to spin.

One such problem presented itself when "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" actress Kristy Swanson was paired with two-time Olympic pairs medalist Lloyd Eisler. Swanson is left-handed, while Eisler is right-handed, making it nearly impossible to spin in the same direction, among other things. Eisler likens the difficulty to a quarterback having to change throwing hands at the Super Bowl. He's not kidding; the pair were visibly shaky and had a hard time relating to each other, which cost them some points.

Each pair has a similar struggle. Former 80's pop sensation Deborah Gibson is paired with skating dreamboat, Kurt Browning, who struggles to adjust to pairs skating. Olympian decathlon gold medalist Bruce Jenner battles chronic knee pain (along with an apparent chronic lack of elegance), following two surgeries. "Different Strokes" star Todd Bridges just plain cannot skate.

The pair to watch is NFL on

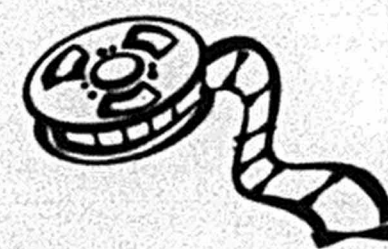
Fox commentator Jillian Barberie and 2002 Olympian bronze medalist John Zimmerman. Their sexy and nearly flawless performance to Kelly Clarkson's "The Trouble With Love" wowed the judges and showed off Barberie's childhood skating lessons. Barberie is ambitious and unafraid to try complicated spins and lifts — something that could either hurt her later or win the competition.

Barberie and Zimmerman's toughest competition comes in the form of a power skating duo: two-time Olympic medalist and world's most famous bawler Nancy Kerrigan and Uncle Joey himself, "Full House" star Dave Coulier. Coulier grew up playing hockey, which seemed like an advantage, but became a challenge. He had trouble adjusting to the toe picks that help figure skaters stop, so he decided to grind them off, much to Kerrigan's dismay. This team could be the team to beat with their combination of Coulier's speed and complicated footwork, and Kerrigan's jumps, leaps, spins and even the occasional cartwheel.

Timed to directly precede the Winter Olympic Games in Torino, which will begin Feb. 10, "Skating With Celebrities" combines just enough cheese, heart, talent, lack of talent and danger to convert naysayers into bona fide skating enthusiasts. The show airs Monday nights on Fox, 8 p.m. ■

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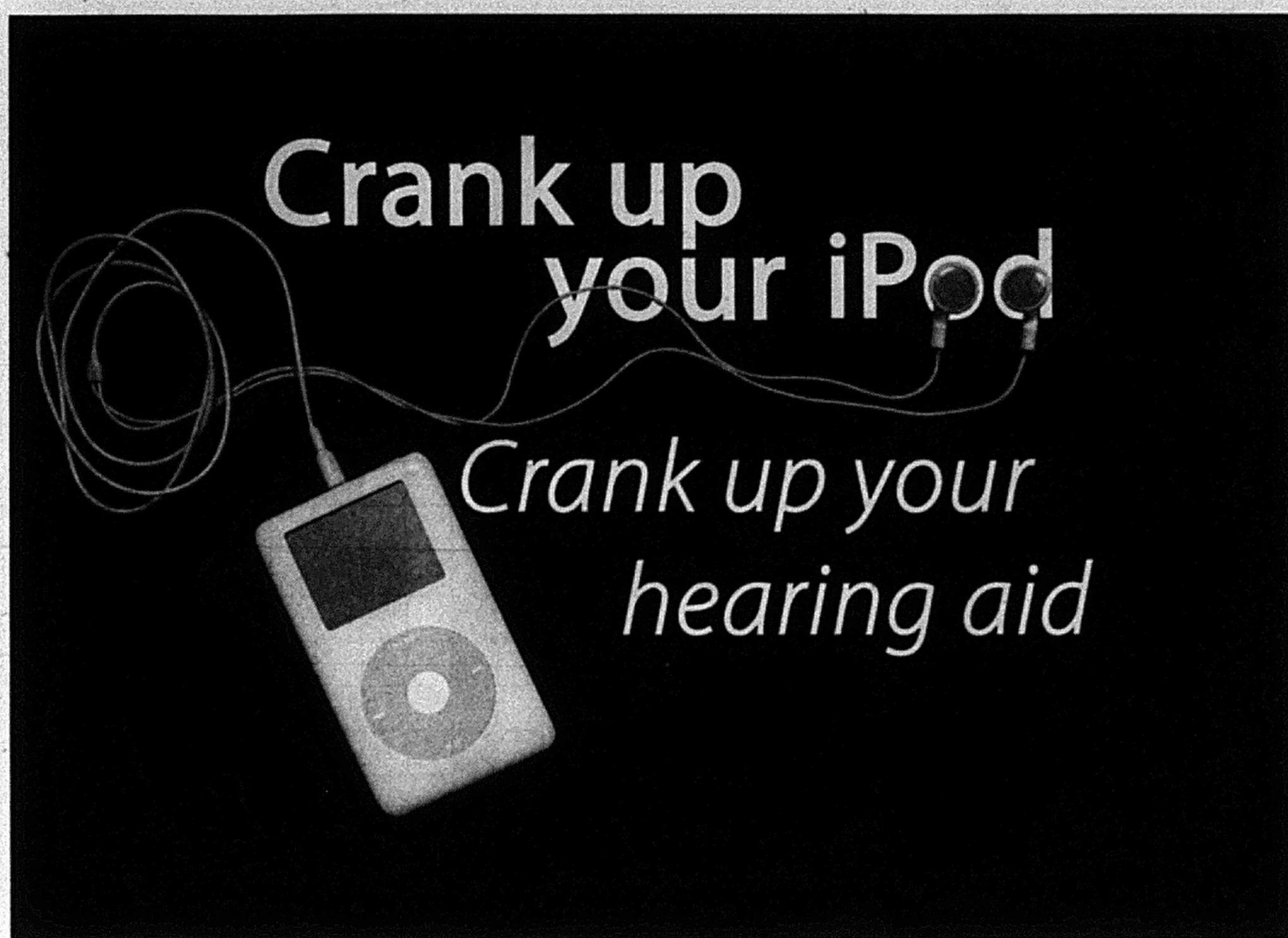
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Food & Health



Next time you turn up 'Golddigger' on your video iPod, think about your hearing, or lack thereof.

By KAREN SHIDELER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WICHITA, Kan.— If Ray Hull's "artificial ear" is telling the truth, it's time to invest in hearing-aid companies. Our iPods and other personal music players are destroying our hearing, he says.

But it's our fault, because we turn the volume up and leave it up, and we insist on ear buds that concentrate the sound.

Our home theater systems are a problem, too.

Hull is a professor at Wichita State

University and a nationally recognized expert on noise and hearing loss. He was quoted in a number of national publications a few years ago in connection with his study showing that the noise level in most aerobics classes could cause hearing loss.

Lately, he's been asking people to lend him their ear buds, without changing the volume setting, so that he can check sound levels with his "artificial ear" testing equipment. It measures how sound is received in a human ear.

He's found sound levels as high as 120 decibels. That, he said, is the equivalent of standing 100 feet behind a Boeing 707 at full thrust for takeoff. At that

setting, your hearing can be permanently damaged after 3.7 minutes — about the length of one song.

With ear buds, "there's no escape from the intensity," Hull said, so the inner ear "essentially anesthetizes itself."

It's the same effect you get when you walk into a nightclub and think "Wow, this place is loud" but 15 minutes later don't notice the noise. The damage is still being done.

Dangerous Decibels, an Oregon public health project, estimates that of the roughly 40 million Americans with hearing loss, 10 million cases can be attributed to noise-induced hearing loss.

To protect your hearing, Hull suggested turning your music player on full volume, then quickly back-

ing it off about 30 percent. "That's going to be much safer," he said. Even at that level, give your ears a rest after an hour.

For home theater systems, consider ear protection or turn down the volume.

To be sure it's at a safe level, you can check it with a sound-level meter that will cost you about \$50, Hull said.

A level no higher than 90 to 95 decibels for a one-hour movie should be safe.

And if the thought of needing hearing aids at a young age isn't enough to deter you, Hull points out that loud noise can damage your balance as well.

"Sound can do terrible things," he said. ■

Fitness expo kicks off 2006

By Ian Sass-Basedow
Editorial Assistant

The Freeman Center was a collective of athletic enthusiasm this past Monday, as the staff there hosted a fitness and recreation expo entitled "Get in the Groove" to kick off the spring semester.

The event, coordinated by both Trieshmann Health and Fitness Pavilion Director Lisa Wingfield, and Director of Recreational Services Jason Clevenger, was a successful attempt to spread the word about numerous health and fitness classes, personal training programs and intramural sports the Freeman Center offers, the two explained. "It's New Years resolution time, and everyone is starting to get concerned about getting in shape. We really want to show people their opportunities," Wingfield added.

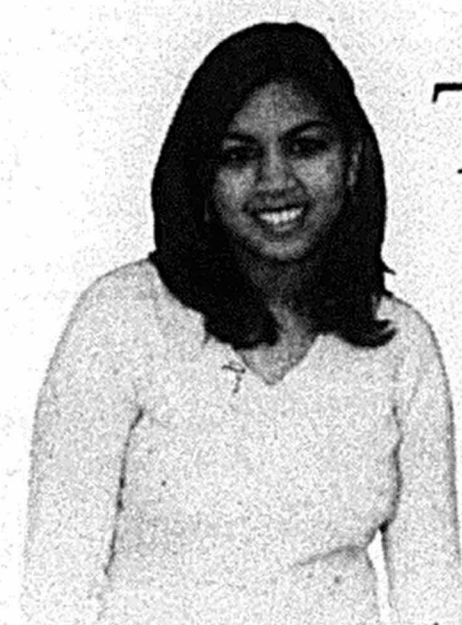
To this end, students participated in three-point shot and free throw contests and Lorraine's SpaSalon set up a free massage station in the gym.

In addition, free 20-minute sample classes were offered in kickboxing, yoga and jujitsu, Wingfield said. The other pamphlet-laden tables lining the Freeman Center gym offered information on classes ranging from cycling to body composition, intramural sports like indoor soccer and softball, as well as a budding program which will allow students to be trained as group fitness class instructors.

A current student instructor, Freshman Andrew Heatwole, teaches Jujitsu and was seated at a table in the gym to promote his class. "Jujitsu," Heatwole explained, "involves grappling instead of striking movements like most martial arts. [This is] great for self defense, especially for women, who often don't have enough force behind their strikes to defend against large attackers." The technique is also a terrific workout, the instructor said, noting how one week of his class helped a student lose 10 pounds.

The event was well-received by students, as Director Wingfield, who teaches kickboxing said, "We had about 50 or so people come in during the first hour."

If you missed the expo, you can find information at <http://freemancenter.cnu.edu/facilities.html>. ■



By Aliya Altafullah
Food Critic

The early bird gets the burger

Christmas time brought a lot of things to the Hampton Roads area, including a burger place that is well worth the hour-long wait it has had every night since its opening.

Red Robin originally started in Seattle, Washington, and after opening over 200 restaurants nationwide, they decided to bring their gourmet burgers, fresh salads and "bottomless french fries" to good 'ole Newport News. Walking into Red Robin seems almost

as fun as walking into a toy store — televisions, arcade games and balloons line the walls as the friendly hosts and hostesses greet you at the large, bright red doors. Step further into the restaurant, and you'll see the open kitchen to the left where you can watch the cooks at their best. Once seated, take note of the playful decorations, bright colors and casual atmosphere that makes you crave old-fashioned American cuisine even more than when you first entered the building.

Although Red Robin boasts, "America's Best Burger," their menu offers a lot more than that. Definitely stop to try their chicken tortilla soup, served piping hot and topped with a cool dollop of sour cream. Their wide range of appetizers also includes many American favorites such as fiery buffalo wings, gooey mozzarella sticks, loaded chili cheese fries, and their specialty: a tall tower of crispy onion rings. Although the appetizers are delicious, they can be a little pricey — anywhere from \$7 to \$10.

Now, let's be honest, if you're going to Red Robin you're probably not going

to order a salad. Despite the fact that their Crispy Chicken Tender Salad does sound good, the key word is "burger," and that is their main attraction. You can choose from around 25 different burgers — anything from your average Bacon Cheeseburger to the ever-so original Parmigiano Chicken Burger. For the vegetarians out there, Red Robin also offers salmon burgers, crispy fish burgers and a very delightful veggie burger.

My personal favorite is the Bleu Ribbon Burger. Basted with steak sauce, this burger comes piled high with onion straws, lettuce, tomatoes and bleu cheese crumbles. I also enjoyed the Whiskey River BBQ Chicken Burger: cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato and Red Robin's own patented Whiskey River BBQ Sauce. Another Red Robin trademark is the mountain of crispy, thick-cut steak fries you receive with every order. Not only are they the perfect partner to a juicy burger, but they are bottomless, which means eat all you want and ask for more — free of charge.

If burgers aren't your thing, don't worry a bit. Red Robin also caters to



Ryan Burke/The Captain's Log

Red Robin is one of the newest additions in the freshly renovated Patrick Henry Mall.

those of you who crave a heartier meal. Their entrees include fish and chips, Cajun spiced shrimp, a platter of sizzling fajitas and a number of other seafood dishes. Don't forget to wash down that meal with one of their famous, creamy milkshakes! Their "monster milkshakes" come in a variety of flavors and are definitely a must-have.

Red Robin is your classic American hangout — friendly service, great food

and best of all, a price that won't put a dent in your wallet. Burgers at Red Robin are priced from \$6 to \$9, and entrees start around \$8. The food is filling, the atmosphere entertaining, and the taste is something you're going to want to come back for over and over again.

Red Robin is attached to Patrick Henry Mall on the side facing Jefferson Avenue. For questions or carry-out, call them at 757-882-8959. Enjoy! ■

MAIN COURSES

Chicken Enchiladas

- 1 package flour tortillas
- 1 4 oz. can green diced chilies
- 1 pint sour cream
- 2 10 1/2 oz. cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 lb. shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 3 whole chicken breasts, boiled and diced
- 1 4 oz. can sliced ripe olives

In a 9x13 inch pan, place half of the flour tortillas and chicken. Mix chilies, sour cream, soup and olives. Pour half of mixture over chicken.
Cover with half of the cheese. Repeat the layers. Bake in 325 degree oven until bubbly. Serve with salsa, kidney beans, and chili.

Recipes are from "Miss Patti's Cook Book."
www.pattis-settlement.com/catalog.htm



Five facts about college drinking

Alcohol is a big thing at college, and many a graduate gets misty-eyed reminiscing about a legendary party. That said, we absolutely don't endorse underage or excessive drinking. Stay safe.

THE VICTORS

Two recent University of Michigan grads won the World Series of Beer Pong this month in Mesquite, Nev. Jason Coben and Nick Velissaris beat 162 other players to score \$10,000 and the respect of frat boys everywhere. There are two dozen or so ways to play Beer Pong, but essentially, each player tries to sink a Ping-Pong ball into a cup of beer at the end of a table. The losing team has to drink.

PLAYED

Some longtime campus fave games are Three Man, quarters,

trivia games and a few whose names aren't suitable for print.

Midwest Gen-Xers remember a game based on sports announcer Brent Musburger.

We're not telling you how to play any of them. You can Google "drinking games" and investigate the more than 15,900,000 results yourself. Cheers.

3 OUT OF 10

Each year, the Princeton Review lists the nation's top party schools, based on student surveys about drinking, drug use, hours of daily study and the importance of the Greek system on campus.

Of the 2005 Top 10 party schools, three were from the Big Ten: No. 1 University of Wisconsin, No. 6 Indiana University and No. 8 University of Iowa.

IU also was the No. 1 beer-

consuming college. (Irony: It's a dry campus.)

SOBERING STATS

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimates drinking by college students ages 18 to 24 contributes to 1,700 student deaths, 599,000 injuries and 97,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.

BETTER BET

Studies have shown that keeping your brain engaged by playing safer games like chess, checkers or cards may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease. I should live so long, you say? Easy to say now.

Another mental activity on the yes list: reading the newspaper. You'll be smarter and not hung over. ■

By Emiliana Sandoval
Detroit Free Press

Comics and Crosswords

MYSTIC STARS

Weekly Horoscope For January 23-29

By LASHA SENIUK
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Long-term friends will expect your undivided attention over the next five days. Although new relationships are appealing, loved ones will vie for obvious displays of affection and loyalty. Respond with honesty and optimism: private doubts need to be publicly resolved. This is the right time to nurture relationships and rekindle passions. Later this week, business opportunities from the past may reappear. Remain cautious, however: power struggles may prove unavoidable.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Home finances and short-term spending demand caution over the next two days. Before mid-week, expect loved ones to reveal added expenses, opt for expanded renovations or initiate large purchases. Final solutions will take time: review established routines, family plans and group expectations before introducing new ideas or habits. Thursday through Sunday, social events may be suddenly cancelled or postponed. Stay balanced: private family needs are highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Before Wednesday, a new friend or lover may reveal important social information. Past relationships, old habits or repeated family patterns may be on the agenda. Listen carefully and reserve judgment. Intimacy, trust and ongoing support are now extremely important to loved ones. Go slow and wait for clear signals. Later this week, an unexpected career proposal may require decision. Opt for added income: financial rewards will reveal the appropriate choice.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) A trusted friend or close relative may this week need extra time to finalize family issues or long-term property contracts. Over the next five days, home decision, parental obligation or group expectations may be more demanding than anticipated. Remain patient and study financial documents for missed deadlines or small errors. Friday through Sunday, bold discussions will bring clarity to a recently stalled relationship. Ask for special consideration: your needs are valid.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Early this week, minor physical ailments may require attention. Areas affected are kidneys, circulation, chest infections or skin irritations. Some Leos will soon begin a confident regime of activity, fitness and social involvement. Positive results will be quickly established: trust your instincts and work hard to change unproductive habits. Wednesday through Saturday, conflicting opinions may briefly disrupt workplace routines. Don't hesitate to take action: much is changing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Outdoor activities, exercise regimes or revised dietary programs will increase physical energy in the coming weeks. Some Virgos will this week bring dramatic improvements to their daily habits, emotional outlook and social routine. Listen to the advice of loved ones: close friends or relatives will offer unique suggestions. After Thursday, a previously shy friend may request an unusual romantic introduction. Remain optimistic: private attractions will soon become public knowledge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Love relationships will offer pleasing distractions over the next few days. A recent phase of social or romantic isolation is now due to end. Take extra time this week to fully explore new invitations: someone close may wish to be more deeply involved in your personal life. Late Thursday, discuss finances with loved ones. In the coming weeks a revised budget may be necessary. Your goals and suggestions will be quickly adopted: make sure loved ones understand your expectations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Private attractions and subtle flirtations may trigger unnecessary gossip in the workplace over the next five days. Romantic speculation will not work to your advantage. Define clear boundaries with new employees and overly familiar officials. Boredom and restlessness may be a driving influence: avoid group participation. Friday through Sunday, a close relative may announce an unexpected financial or job change. Offer encouragement: added information will soon arrive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Over the next six days, workplace tensions are highly distracting. After Monday, expect a previously silent colleague to voice strong opinions. Take all outbursts seriously and respond honestly to disagreements. At present, co-workers need to feel acknowledged for their contributions. Thursday through Saturday, social invitations prove misleading. Friends and colleagues may require private family time. Remain sensitive: complex home decisions will soon be announced.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Social proposals and public discussions may this week provide faulty information. Over the next four days, a close friend may request special favors or express bold opinions. Group politics and private romantic triangles are involved: expect accurate times, dates or facts to be unavailable. Reserve judgment and, if possible, avoid long-term promises. After Thursday, workplace tensions need to be publicly addressed. Ask authority figures for advice: passions may be high.

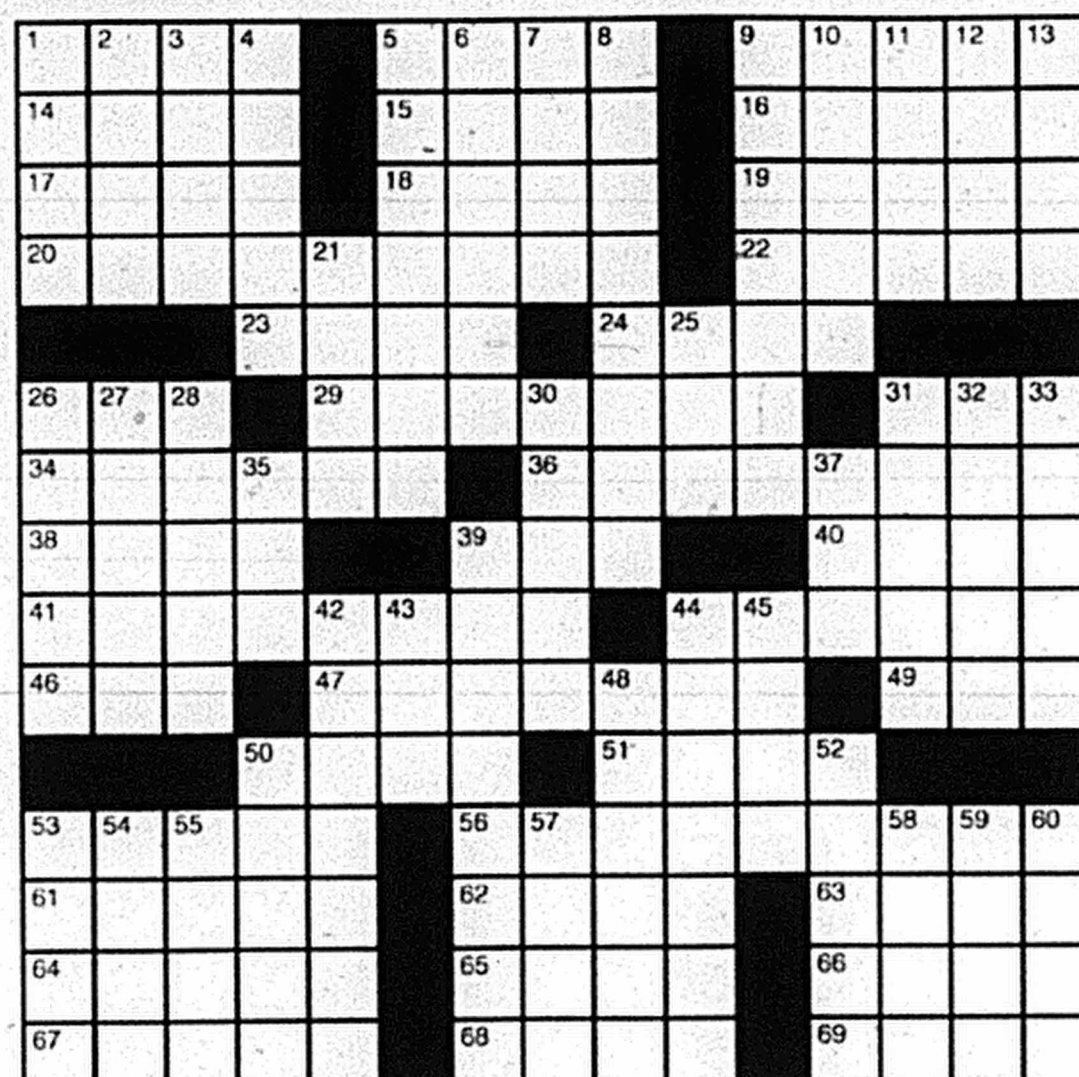
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Physical vitality is now improving. Minor aches, pains or irritations may this week be replaced with an emerging awareness of fitness. On an emotional level, much of this may represent a significant change of social and romantic attitudes. Confident expression and public acceptance may be a motivating factor. Stay strong. Later this week, a controversial workplace assignment triggers lengthy discussion. Team responsibilities need to be reviewed: ask probing questions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Business demands now intensify: after Monday, expect employers or older partners to ask for special consideration and improved daily routines. Time sensitive projects and immediate goals are vital for lasting success. Managers may soon increase pressure or request completed duties: remain determined to finalize small details. Thursday through Sunday, a friend or relative may boldly discuss yesterday's social disappointments. Offer advice: your acceptance is needed.

If your birthday is this week: Current romantic relationships may dramatically change in the coming weeks and months. Family planning, home improvements and long-term promises are now a top priority: expect emotional decisions to work in your favor over the next five months. Take extra time to fully explore intimacy and watch for loved ones to make special home demands. After February 22nd, employment strategies may also need to change. New officials or sudden workplace revisions may be problematic: before mid-April, expect trusted colleagues and business partners to be easily derailed from established plans. Be prepared to search out new employment or adopt broader business definitions. A challenging but rewarding few months: stay focused.

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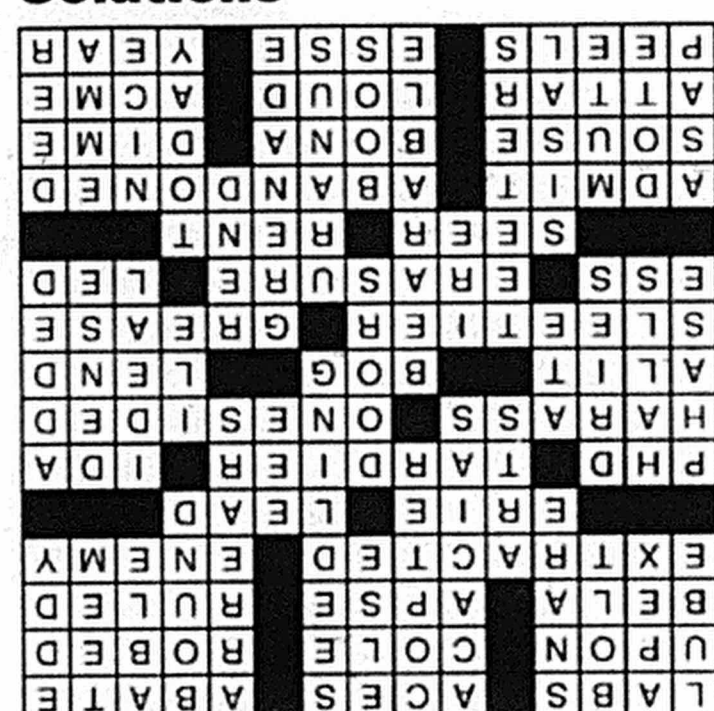
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 - 13 Small whirlpool
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 - 30 Means of access
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 - 35 Goddess of folly
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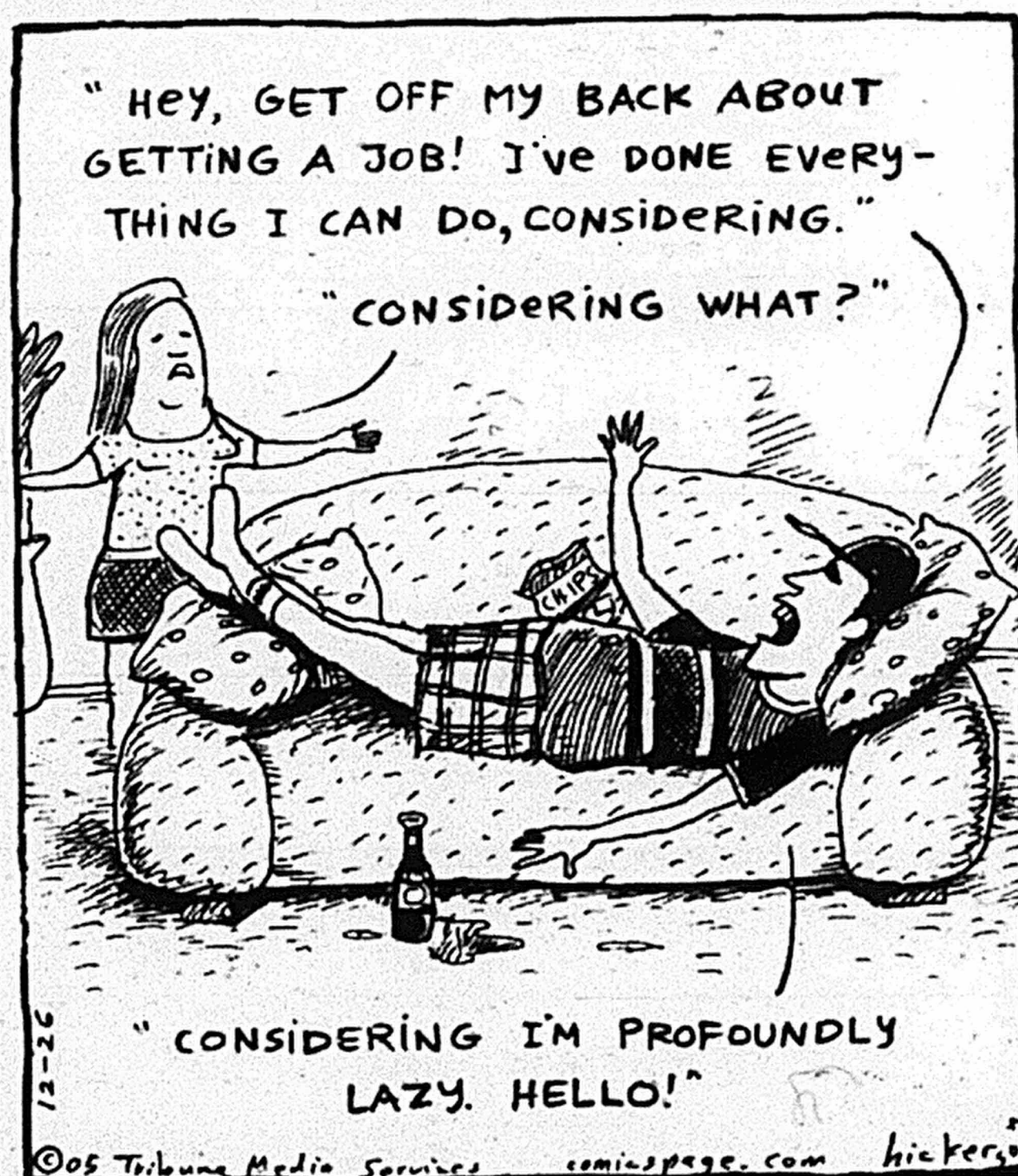
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A College Girl Named Joe

by Aaron Warner



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Sports

CNU Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

(12-5, 3-1)

USA South Standings

Averett	4-1*	13-5
CNU	3-1*	12-5
Methodist	2-1*	4-11
NC Wesleyan	2-1*	4-11
Greensboro	2-2*	6-9
Ferrum	1-4*	1-1
Shenandoah	0-4*	8-6

*USA South Record

1/21/06 Final:
CNU 57, Ferrum 55

1/22/06 Final:
CNU 73, Averett 65

Next Week's Game:
1/28/06
vs. Methodist
1/29/06
vs. Greensboro

Women's Basketball

(9-7, 3-2)

USA South Standings

Greensboro	4-0*	10-5
Peace	3-1*	9-4
CNU	3-2*	9-7
Ferrum	3-2*	7-8
Methodist	2-2*	6-7
Shenandoah	2-3*	5-9
Averett	1-4*	5-9
NC Wesleyan	0-4*	2-10

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Ice Hockey

(3-5-1, 0-5-1)

1/20/06 Final:
CNU 4, VMI 4

1/22/06 Final:
ODU 7, CNU 2

Indoor Track

CNU Invitational:
01/21/06-01/22/06

Notable Finishes:

Women's 5000-Meter Run:
Megan Fogarty, 2nd Place

Women's Pole Vault:
Stephanie Praken, 4th Place

Women's 60-Meter Hurdle:
Karen Simon, 4th Place

Women's 4x800 Relay:
Karen Simon, Michaela
Morton, Mara Winters, Amy
Ward, 2nd Place

Women's Shot Put:
Rachel Clark, 1st Place

Women's 55-Meter Hurdle:
Mara Winters, 1st Place
Devon Alston, 3rd Place

Men's Distance Medley:
Zach Crump, Jon Hoehne,
Cory Scott, Tim Scott, 1st
Place

Men's Weight Throw:
Billy Boulden, First Place

Men's 400-Meter Dash:
Matt Weisenborn, Fifth
Place

Men's Triple Jump:
Issac Bell, 2nd Place
Joseph Owens, Third Place

Men's Shot Put:
Billy Boulden, Third Place

Relays, hurdles, dashes and more

The come-from-behind finish in the men's distance medley was the highlight of the CNU Invitational, the first major sporting event of the spring semester.

By PHIL LECLERC
News Editor

As the first day of the CNU Invitational neared its end, four CNU athletes lined up to face the final distance event of the day — the men's distance medley. Juniors Zack Crump, Tim Scott, John Hoehne and freshman Cory Scott stood by the starting line, just off to the side, running through their warm-up exercises.

Having warmed up, Hoehne moved to the line alongside his competitors from Virginia Wesleyan College and McDaniel College. The white flag fell, and with a gunshot, the runners were off.

Hoehne led the CNU team, charging forward from the line. He circled the Freeman Center's track three times, maintaining second place throughout the run.

With five laps to go, Hoehne trailed the race's leader, a McDaniel runner, by about 50 meters — a quarter-length of the track.

As Hoehne finished his relay, CNU stood in a clear second place. Hoehne passed the baton off to Crump, who began his leg. Taking long strides and pushing forward, Crump closed the gap a bit, but at his handoff to Tim Scott (CNU's third runner) McDaniel still held the lead.

Between Crump and Tim, the gap shortened to about 25 meters — an eighth of the length of the track. Tim sprinted across the finish line, passing his baton to CNU's anchor, Cory, who began chasing the McDaniel leader. During their second lap around the track, Cory closed the gap and had the final McDaniel runner just a few meters in front of him.

Two laps later, Cory pushed beyond the McDaniel runner to take the lead. Cory pushed his lead further in the last few laps, and ended the race over 24 seconds ahead of McDaniel.

Of course, the medley was just one of the many events at the CNU Invitational, and CNU's athletes took part in a whole range of events at the meet, including: pole vaulting, hurdling, weight throwing and a variety of sprints and distance runs.

"Overall, it was a good day, but we may have lost a hurdler for the season," said interim head coach Louis Johnson.

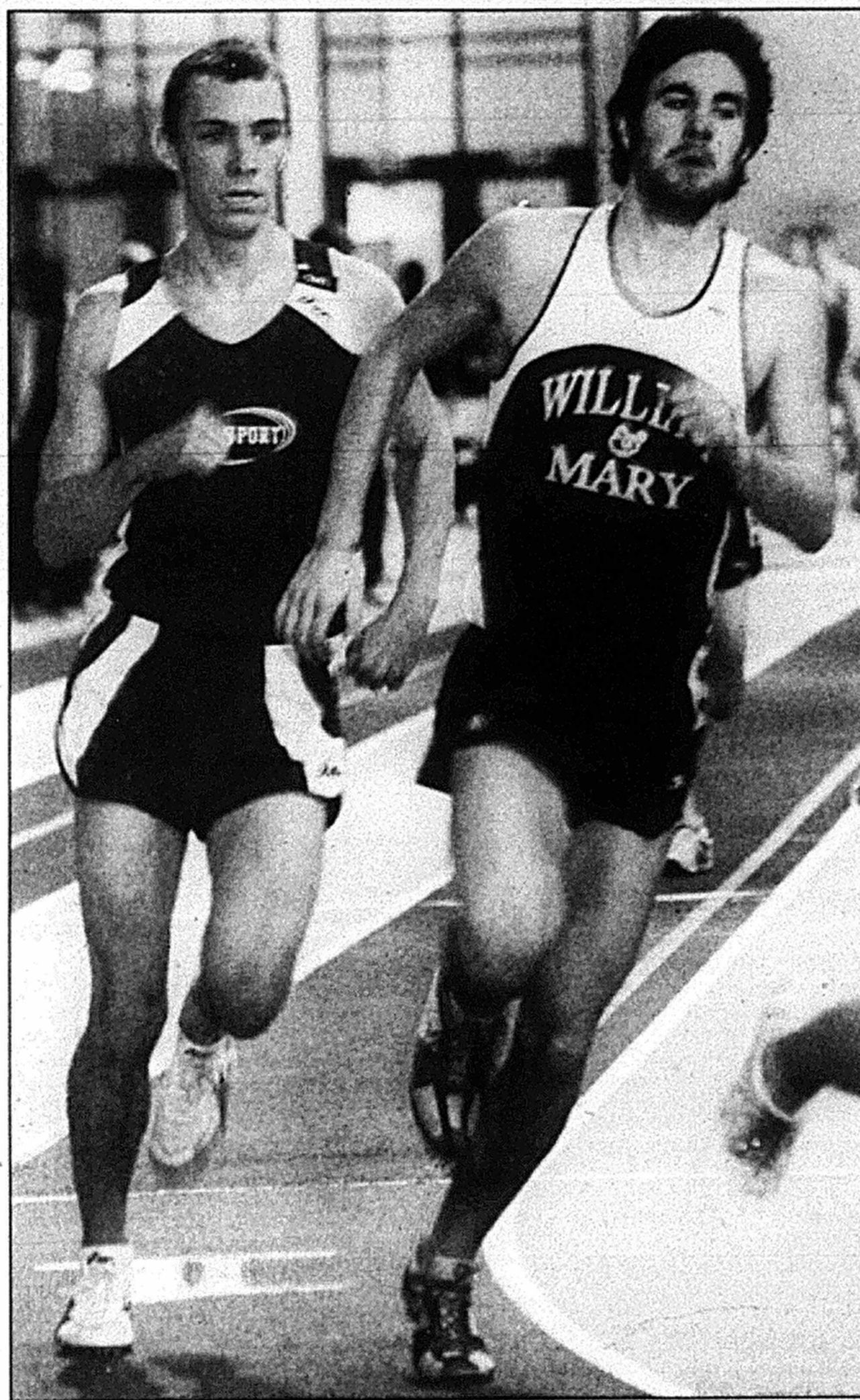
While warming up, junior hurdler Greg Bolton may have torn a musculature in his knee.

"Going over the hurdles — I just heard it pop," Bolton said. "People were like, 'Ooh!' They could just see the pain in my face." He hopes to be ready to compete again as soon as possible, but Bolton could have to sit out until the outdoor season begins.

Despite Bolton's injury, the day brought hope for a number of athletes. "I was impressed with [senior] Karen Simon," said Johnson. "She ran a provisional time [in women's 60-meter hurdles] for nationals."

Johnson said freshman Greg Jones had performed well in the men's 60-meter dash. Jones hopes to qualify for nationals like his fellow athlete, Simon. "I think I could do better," said Jones. "I have just got to work a bit harder. The goal is to get to nationals this year."

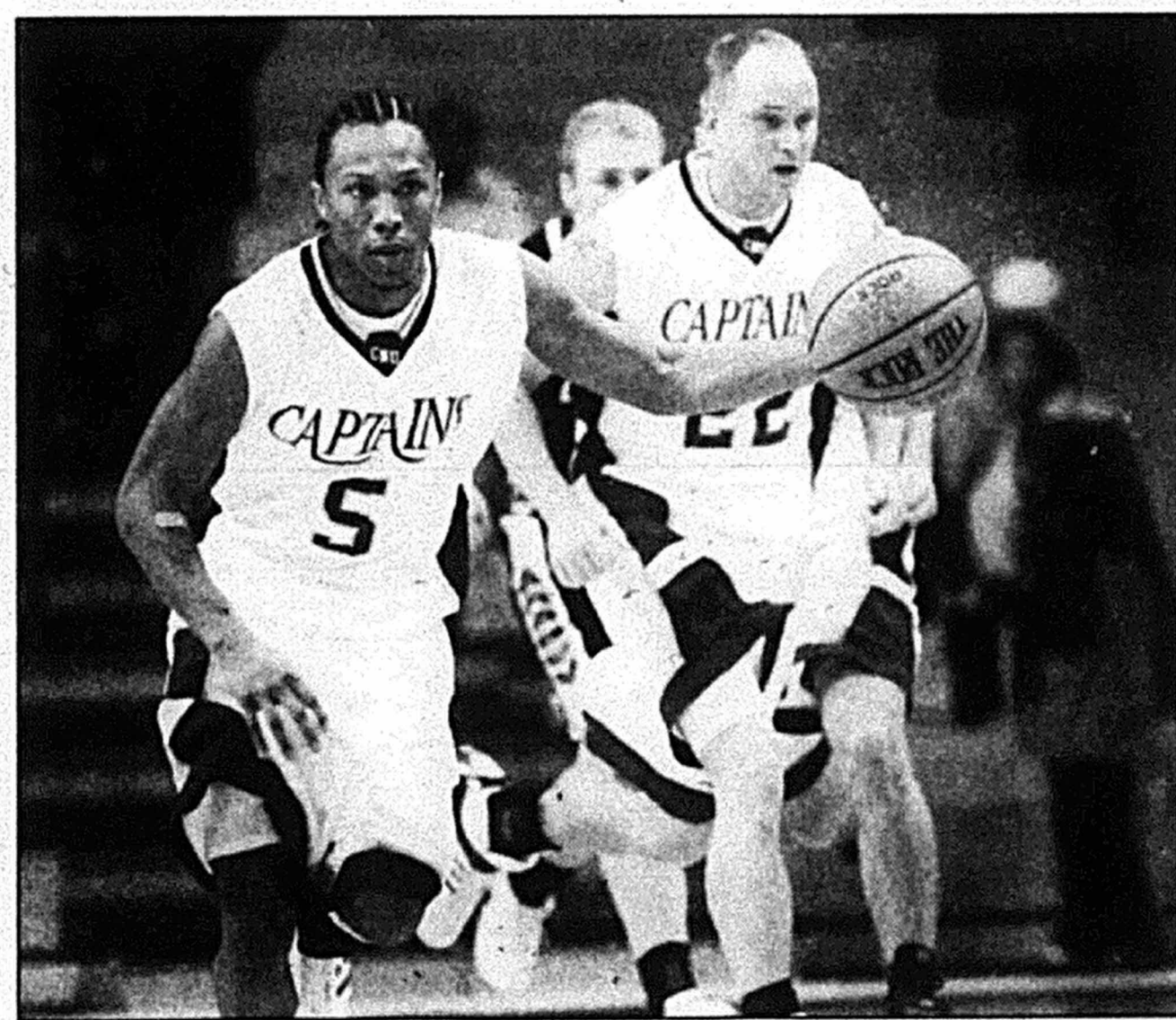
In addition to Jones and Simon, Johnson called attention to freshman thrower Rachael Clark. "Rachael's got, with her potential — she's got 'national champion' written all over her," said Johnson. ■



Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log

Junior Tim Scott competes against a William and Mary runner during last week's CNU Invitational.

Sports Briefs: Basketball teams roll through break



Will Summers/The Captain's Log

Junior guard Donta Selden (5) leads the charge as the Captains men's basketball team runs to set up their offensive attack. The team went 5-2 over Winter Break and is now 12-5 overall and 3-1 in the USA South.

By BRIAN BENISON
Assistant Sports Editor

Women's Basketball

The Lady Captains basketball team started winter break with a three-game winning streak against Mary Baldwin, VA Wesleyan, and Catholic University, improving on their 2-3 record that opened the 2005-2006 season.

The Lady Captains followed the streak with a disappointing loss to ninth-ranked Mary Washington, despite a late rally. They then faced Southern Virginia twice in a row, winning one of the games. This led to a last second win over conference rival Shenandoah in their USA

South season opener. They finished up winter break with a loss to conference rival Peace, leaving the team with a 7-6 record overall and a 1-1 record in the USA South heading into the spring semester.

The Lady Captains' first game of the semester was on Jan 17, facing NC Wesleyan in their third USA South matchup. Forcing 20 first-half turnovers and leading 38-11 at the break, the team was dominant in every aspect of the game. Junior Nikki Rowland led the Lady Captains in scoring with 18 points. The Lady Captains crushed NC Wesleyan, 63-38.

The team followed up their victory with a close 77-70 loss to Ferrum College. Despite leading

by 15 points with around two minutes into the second half, the Lady Captains could not withstand a late rally from Ferrum, who took the lead with 7:13 left in the game.

Despite the loss, Junior Candace Bryant led the team with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

A last-second lay-up from junior Samantha Davis lifted the Lady Captains to their second conference win against Averett. The team started out with a 12-2 lead early in the first half, but allowed Averett to rally late, tying the game at 55-55. In the last seconds of the game, Davis received a pass in the lane and made a layup that secured a victory for the Lady Captains.

Rowland was once again

a dominant player for the Lady Captains with 16 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Captains are now 9-7 overall with a 2-2 conference record. They return to action this Saturday versus Methodist.

Men's Basketball

The Captains men's basketball team opened winter break with a three-game winning streak, with double-digit wins against Maryland Bible and Frostburg. The third game was a 70-65 decision versus Keystone. A heartbreaking 114-112 overtime loss against 21st-ranked Lincoln followed. Nonetheless, Junior Donta Selden finished the game with a career high 33 points.

The team then captured the 9th-annual Captain's Shootout with wins over Maine-Presque Isle and Eastern Connecticut. The Captains followed the tournament win with a 103-72 victory over Fisher College in their final game before conference play.

The victory set the tone for a 70-66 win against Shenandoah in the first game of conference play for the Captains. The four-game winning streak was then cut short by a loss to 16th-ranked Carnegie Mellon.

The Captains bounced back with two conference wins over Ferrum and Averett. The Captains were behind by as many as 11 points but entered halftime at 35-32. The second half was all Captains, however, and they outscored Ferrum 44-20. Selden led the Captain's rally, scoring 15 points, 12 of them coming in the second half. Selden also added eight assists.

Freshman Mark Blasingame added 8 points and a game high 11 rebounds.

Against Averett, there were no late rallies, as the Captains dominated on both offense and defense to win the game 73-65. Leading 28-27 at the half, the team never looked back.

The Captains were led in

scoring by freshman Davon Barton, who finished the game with 19 points on his 19th birthday.

The Captains are now 12-5 overall and 3-1 in the USA South. They return to action this Saturday versus Methodist.

Football

Senior linebacker Justin Wood was named Second Team All-American in Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette. He was also named First Team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association and earned the right to play in the 2005 Aztec Bowl. Wood's performance this season earned him further outside recognition. In his final season, he was named First Team All-USA South, after leading the Captains in tackles for the fourth consecutive season. His other awards include Third Team All-South Region by D3football.com and a First Team All-State Selection.

Volleyball

Coach Lindsay Sheppard was named the Virginia Sports Information Director's State Coach of the Year. In only her fourth season with the Lady Captains, Sheppard led her team to a 32-6 season and another USA South regular season and tournament title. She has led the Lady Captains to three tournament titles and three trips to the NCAA tournament and is the only coach in CNU volleyball history with 100 wins.

Baseball

In the preseason USA South Coach's polls, the Captains baseball team was selected to finish third, behind both Ferrum and Methodist. Ferrum finished first in the polls with four votes for first place. Methodist was second with two first-place votes. The Captains were the only other team to finish with a first-place vote. ■

NFL Picks: Playoff Casualties



By SHAUN HOY
NFL Columnist

There's only one game left. This is the big one. The Super Bowl. But we aren't going to talk about that this week. This week is a recap of what's happened in the playoffs. Obviously, the only two teams left are the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks. We're going to look at each playoff team who isn't going to the big dance and determine what made them successful or unsuccessful this year in the NFL.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Tampa Bay certainly did a lot better than most people predicted at the beginning of the season. They have a good, young backfield with quarterback Chris Simms and running back Carnell Williams. There are a few reasons that the Buccaneers didn't make it past the first round. The first and most important reason is the Redskins' defense. The Bucs couldn't get anything going until late in the game and went home early.

Jacksonville Jaguars

The Jaguars continue to improve every season, but were pretty outmatched against New England in the first round. Maybe Jacksonville quarterback Byron Leftwich wasn't ready after an injury, or maybe the Jags are just too young. At any rate, the defending champions dominated them. The Jaguars will improve.

New York Giants

There's not a lot you can say about the Giants in their

first-round shutout. Their offense was one of the best in the league and was shut down by the Panthers. The Panthers took running back Tiki Barber out of the game and made quarterback Eli Manning try to beat them through the air. They also had no answer for Carolina's wide receiver Steve Smith. Manning is young, though, and is only going to improve.

Cincinnati Bengals

The Bengals have a lot of playoff runs left in them, as long as that offense continues to light up the scoreboards and that young defense continues to improve.

The keys to their early exit from the playoffs were the inability to stop the Steelers on defense and, of course, losing Carson Palmer very early in the game.

Hopefully this injury won't hurt Palmer for too long, and he can get back out there as soon as possible.

Washington Redskins

The Redskins were also overachievers this year. They got knocked out because Seattle stopped running back Clinton Portis, and the Redskins really only have one receiver, Santana Moss, and one tight end, Chris Cooley, both of whom the Seahawks contained for most of the afternoon.

Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselbeck managed the game very well against a very opportunistic and physical Washington defense and Seattle sent the 'Skins home early.

New England Patriots

It had to end sometime. Denver's defense simply stepped up and contained quarterback Tom Brady and found ways to score on New England's smart, physical defense.

The fact that they were playing in Denver certainly didn't hurt the Broncos' chances for a win. The Broncos simply didn't make mistakes and forced the Patriots to make a few. The Patriots will be back in the hunt next year as long as they have Brady and Belichick.

Indianapolis Colts

The Colts, many would argue, were the favorites to get to

the Super Bowl. For most of their playoff game with Pittsburgh, though, they were totally dominated by the Steelers. Starting off with 13 wins and coming home empty-handed must be upsetting, but they will be back in the hunt next year.

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning just needs to not get so rattled in those playoff games.

Chicago

Not many people thought the Bears would be anywhere near the Super Bowl this year, especially after Quarterback Rex Grossman got injured earlier in the season.

The Bears' heralded defense couldn't contain the Panthers and Chicago's quarterback Rex Grossman didn't jumpstart the offense as much as head coach Lovie Smith would have hoped. The Bears are talented and have tremendous potential for the coming years.

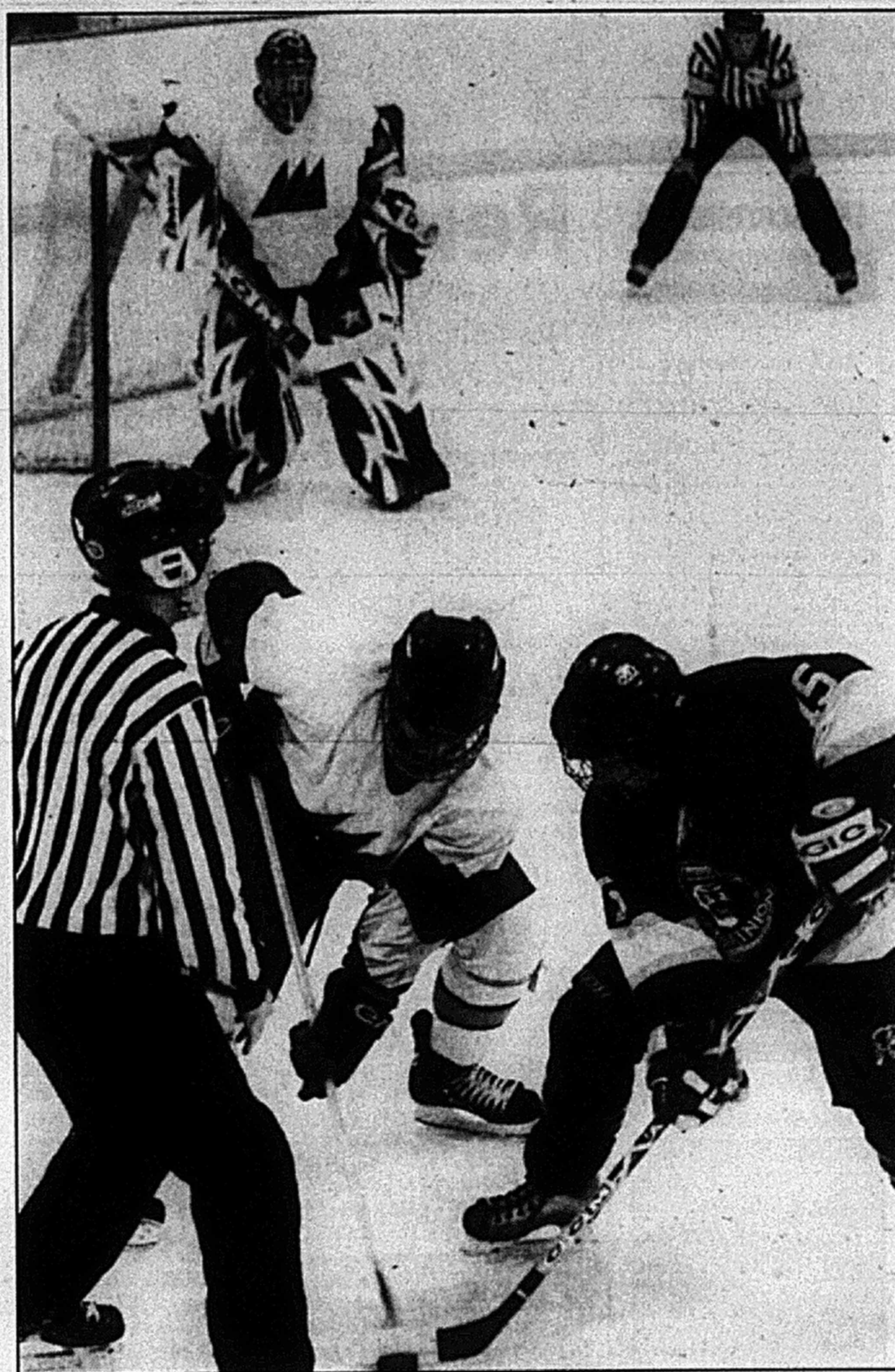
Denver

Well, turnovers will kill you, and Denver certainly did their share of turning the ball over in the AFC title game. Quarterback Jake Plummer committed four turnovers as Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger played exactly opposite. Big Ben managed a great game and the Steelers picked up the win.

Carolina

Much like the Redskins' fate, when you rely so heavily on one receiver, it's bound to catch up to you. Injuries to the running backs also hurt the Panthers and Seattle's defensive game plan was almost flawless. The Seattle offense was precise again and knocked Carolina out of the playoffs. With a more balanced passing attack and keeping their defense together, the Panthers could be a Super Bowl threat again next year.

Seattle and Pittsburgh will play on for the Lombardi trophy on Feb. 5. I will cover that game in next week's issue, so until then, take it easy CNU. ■



Will Summers/The Captain's Log

Senior goaltender Ryan Pringle looks on as a CNU and ODU player fight for the puck during a faceoff. Pringle had 62 saves in goal during the game and leads the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference in save percentage.

Hockey falls to ODU

By PAUL CIRILLO
Contributing Writer

CNU's ice hockey team was defeated by Old Dominion University Sunday night at the Hampton Roads IcePlex. It was the first official game the teams played against one another since the teams split last year. Prior to the split, the two clubs were a united team, playing in the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference as the Hampton Roads Hurricanes. "We are hoping to show that we belong in this league," said CNU head coach Chad Fraser.

Old Dominion scored first within the opening minutes of the game. Before the first break, the Monarchs obtained another goal and finished the first period in the lead 2-0.

In the second period, the Monarchs scored three more goals on senior goalkeeper Ryan Pringle and the Captains' defense. The second period also saw sophomore Mark Wilkinson break through the Monarch's defense, bringing the tally to 5-1.

Early in the third period, Old Dominion racked up another goal. Still, the Captains

did not go down without a fight. Late in the third period, Wilkinson scored another goal. However, in the final minutes of the game, CNU yielded one more point to the Monarchs, leaving the game's final score at 7-2.

"[The game was a] little disappointing, we hoped to put on a better showing against Old Dominion," said Fraser. "But you got to give them credit; they are a great team and have been a well-established team for a long time. We just didn't get it done quick enough in the end."

Pringle, who has the highest save percentage in the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference, had 62 saves out of 69 shots on goal by the end of the game last night. "ODU basically came out and outworked us from the get-go. They came hard on all cylinders," said Pringle.

CNU had 36 shots on goal. "It was a team effort. I was just at the right place at the right time," said Wilkinson of his two goals.

The Captains' fans showed their support for the team throughout the entire game. They made themselves heard, chanting, "Let's go Captains"

throughout the game.

The game between the two teams was tense from the beginning. A total of 25 penalties were called in the game. "The penalties were a little excessive, but it's two hard-hitting teams. Just so happened they were calling things a little tighter," said Fraser. CNU received 13 penalties while Old Dominion accumulated 12 penalties.

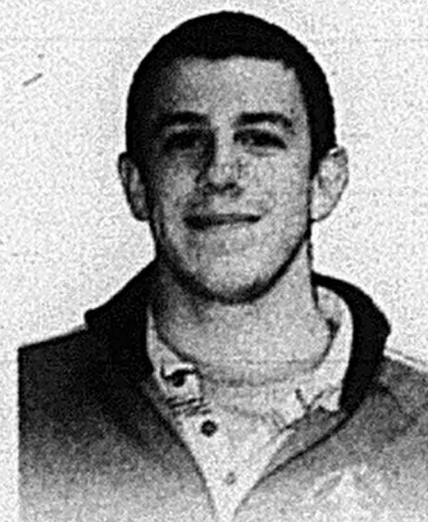
Sunday night's game was the Captains' second game of the semester. The previous Friday, the Captains tied the Virginia Military Institute 4-4.

The Captains face off with Old Dominion again in the last game of the semester on Feb. 18 at Old Dominion.

"We won't see them until the end of the season. We hope we can make some adjustments and really be able to put a little more pressure on them so we can run our offense rather than have them dictate what we do," said Fraser.

The Captains will next face William and Mary on Feb. 2 at the Hampton Roads IcePlex and on Feb. 4 at the Norfolk Scope, opening for the Admirals vs. Binghamton Senators game. ■

NBA Week: Kobe vs. LeBron?



By BEN SETTLE
NBA Columnist

Recently on NBA Fast-break, ESPN's nightly devotion to professional hoops, analyst Dee Brown commented on the lack of bitter rivalries in today's NBA. Brown's argument that today's matchups lack the tenacity and emotion of some of the league's more storied rivalries (such as the Celtics and Lakers in the 1980s, or the Pistons and Bulls in the 1990s), is not only a true assessment, but should not be a surprise to anyone even remotely interested in the NBA.

One big reason for the lack on such rivalries is the dilution of talent, spurred by the league's over-expansion in the last decade. As a result, fewer teams are able to compete at a high level every night. Rivalries in professional sports are not born through parity and competitive balance, two staples of the current NBA, but instead through powerful teams clashing on a regular basis.

Another cause of a less rivalry-friendly league is the presence of free agency. With players jumping from team to team as soon as their contracts end, teams rarely have a chance to bond over a period of years without having the core of the team uprooted.

One staple of the Celtics in the 1980s was the trio of Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish. This core of all-time greats allowed the Celtics to compete for a championship every year

because the players valued the chance to win over the chance to make more money. Free agency has turned each off-season into a spending spree for players in need of a new contract, giving teams a higher turnover of players than ever before.

Brown went on to list his top five rivalries in the NBA right now. He started his list with the "rivalry" of LeBron James versus Kobe Bryant, which nearly caused me to throw my TV out the window.

Apparently to be considered a rivalry now, two players need to be a) famous and b) able to dunk. LeBron and Kobe have no rivalry to speak of because they rarely play each other during the regular season, and will never play each other in the NBA Finals. Also, Kobe has three championship rings, while LeBron has never even played in a playoff game.

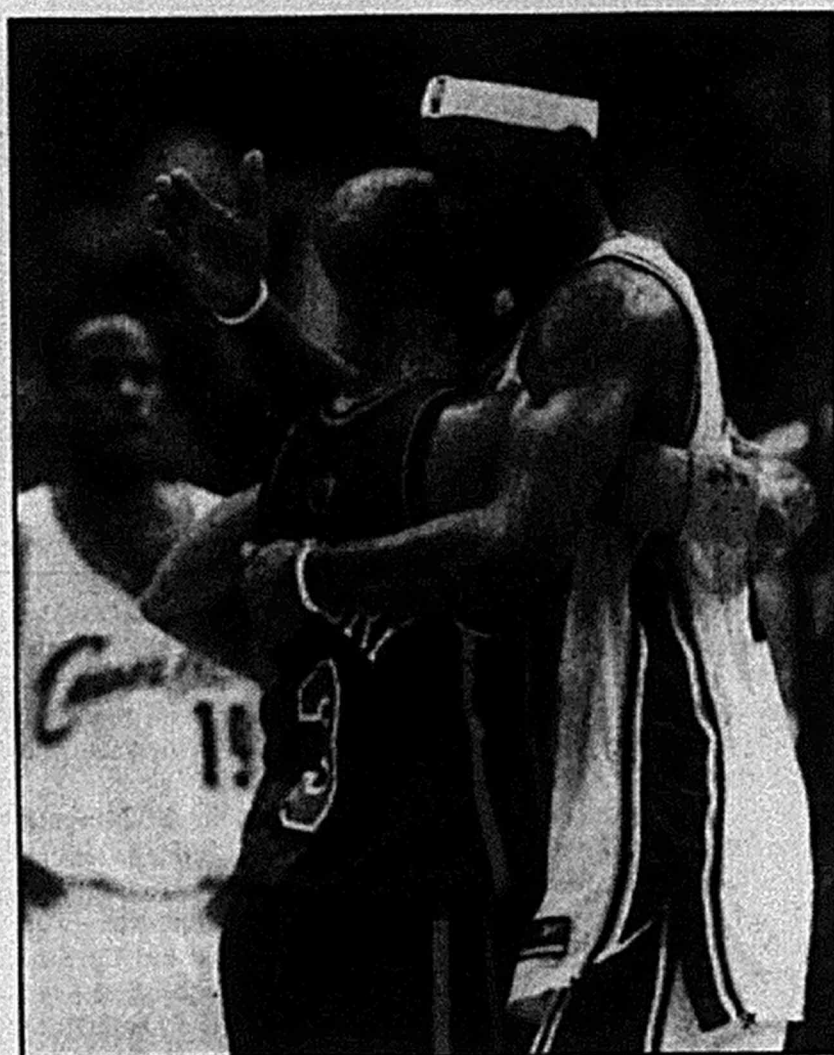
So far this is not a rivalry. On the surface, it looks like the two could be considered marquee players carrying their respective teams towards the

playoffs, but similarities do not a rivalry make.

Maybe if Kobe punches LeBron during a game, or during an interview LeBron mentions Kobe's penchant for young female resort workers, we could have a rivalry on our hands. Until these two decide to put the gloves on and go after each other some, Brown's best rivalry is a bust.

Rivalries come from friction between two teams or players over a period of time, and currently there is just not much happening. A potential solution to spark some heated rivalries could be for media members to start making up quotes from players badmouthing other players just to make things interesting.

For instance, wouldn't you watch a Spurs vs. Pistons game after reading that Tim Duncan called Ben Wallace "the worst offensive player in the history of the league?" I know I would. We'll just have to see if my new idea takes off. ■



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Stephon Marbury gets a hug from LeBron James at the end of a 92-84 Cavaliers loss. Where have all the rivalries in the NBA gone?

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